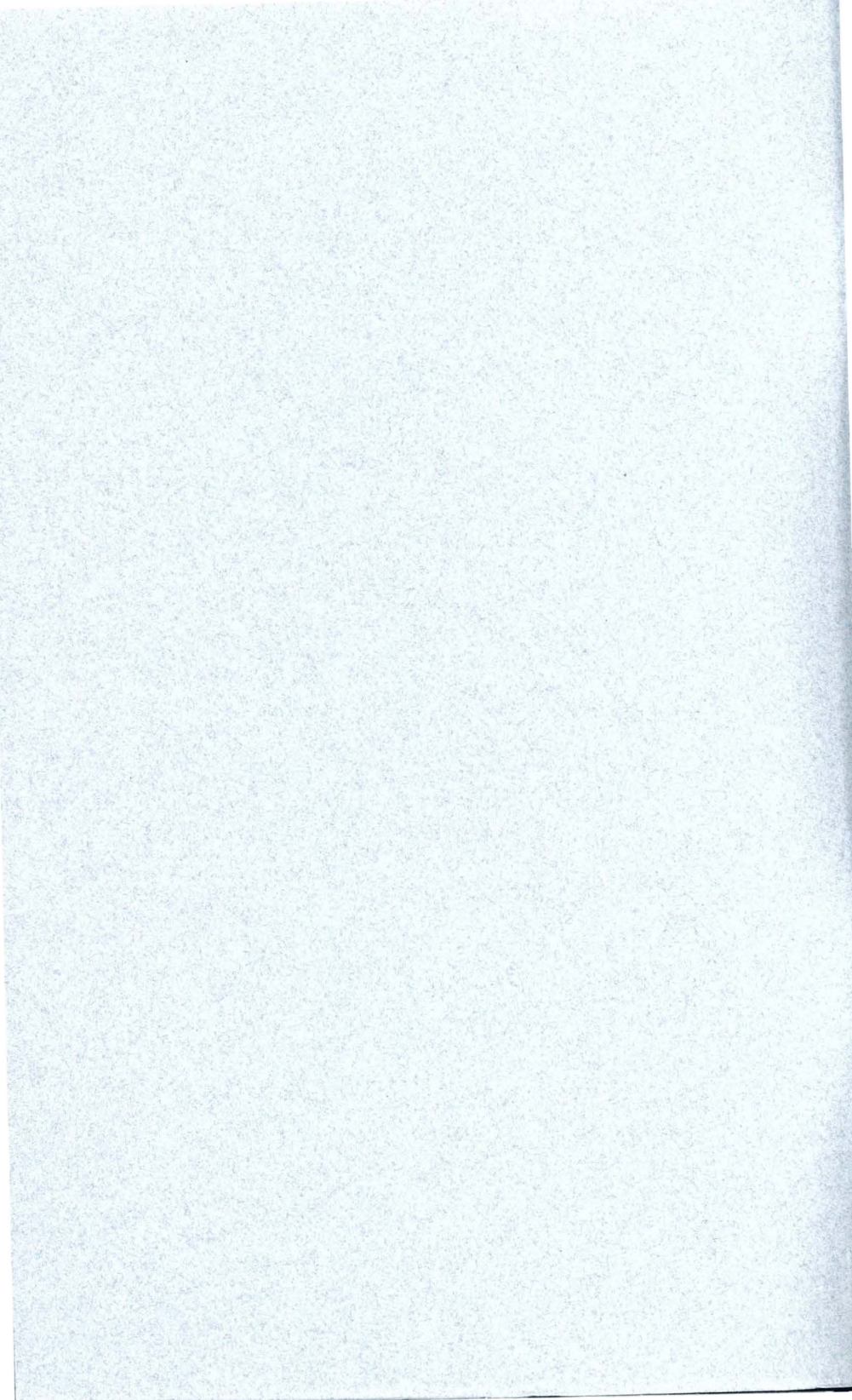




**State Line
Association
of
Free Will Baptists**

1996 Minutes



**Minutes of the
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
When Convened at
Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church
October 12, 1996**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Panther Creek

Date: January 11, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Bro. Joey Beckon

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield

Date: April 12, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Dave Franks, Jr.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Shiloh

Date: June 28, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Bro. Chris Mitchel

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: New Hope

Date: October 11, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Dennis Haygood

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION
First FWB Church, Samson, AL
January 13, 1996

The session opened with the congregation singing, *Count Your Blessings, When We All Get to Heaven, and He Keeps Me Singing*. Bro. Van Clements led the congregational singing and Bro. Ira Cox accompanied on the piano. Bro. Lewis Mallory gave the Invocation.

The Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Donald Gainey; the Response was given by Bro. Lewis Mallory.

The Clerk officially opened the Session.

In his initial remarks, the Moderator said it was good to be back at First FWB Church in Samson; it had been a long time since we had met there. He said he had had a long fellowship with the former pastor, Rev. Aubrey Brannon, who had passed away several years ago. Bro. Edwards recognized Mrs. Aubrey Brannon, his widow.

The Credentials Committee was appointed: Bro. Byron Mallory, Rev. Mike Beckon, and Bro. Braxton Click. The Finance Committee was appointed: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Maude Fowler, and Sis. Irene Ward. There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations.

Ministers and Deacons present were recognized.

Bro. Robert Paul, from the host church, read Psalm 103, commenting on certain verses, and then led in prayer.

MSC to accept the Credentials Committee Report showing all 20 churches reporting; 19 with delegates, and the recommendation to seat these delegates; The Moderator called out the church name, and the delegates stood and gave their names; the clerk checked them off by the delegates list sent in by the churches.

MSC to accept the report of the Home Missions Board: they are still supporting Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., Rev. Lynn Miley, a board member, also stated that his son, Jonathan, was is route to the Ivory Coast as a missionary for seven months. Jonathan still needs \$200.00 per month in support; his plans are to attend the University of Alabama Medical Program and become a missionary doctor.

MSC to accept the Christian Board of Education Report given by Bro. Greg Ammons.

MSC to accept the Minister's Retirement Report given by Bro. Junior Ward. MSC to accept the new guidelines prepared after a Board Meeting. Following these reports, Bro. Ward recognized the retirees or widows of retired ministers who were present: Dr. John Edwards, Mrs. Aubrey Brannon, and Rev. Madison Taylor. Two Widows are in the nursing home: Mrs. Ruby Nobles and Mrs. Addie Hyman. Mrs. Earl Stevens lives in the Corinth FWB Church community. Rev. Ralph Bell lives at home and is in very bad health.

MSC to accept the Ordaining Council's Report.

MSC to accept the Youth Camp Board's Report.

MSC to accept the Children's Home Report

MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Finance Committee's Report.

MSC to accept the Registration Committee Report showing 16 ministers, 11 deacons, 42 delegates, and eight visitors for a total of 77.

The first item of miscellaneous business was adoption of the amendment to Article VIII, SECTION V of the Constitution of State Line Association. MSC to take the amendment off the table and proceed to vote. Following a motion and second for or against the motion-it was adopted.

After a 15 minute recess, Bro. Van led the congregation in singing, *Joy Unspeakable, Redeemed, and Have Faith In God*. Rev. Mike Beckon led in prayer. As a member of the Pastor's and Worker's Conference, Bro. Mike encouraged all that could to attend Feb. 5 & 6 in Florence, AL. He said more information would be coming soon.

Ushers were Bro. Lewis and Bro. Byron Mallory; Bro. Byron prayed. The offering was designated for Jonathan Miley. Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Rivers sang, *Amazing Grace* for the special music.

Bro. Dennis Woodham preached during the Morning Worship Hour, entitling his message, "The Good News." He said that Luke 11:23 could be called the overlooked beatitude; many of people are offended, but the cure to being offended is to follow Christ's command to us to 'love one another.' He encouraged us by saying that God is still in control; and He is coming back.

Prayer was asked for Bro. Lourie McNeil who has cancer; Kathy Burch, cancer; and Sis. Brace Edwards who's health is also failing.

MSC to give the first FWB Church, Samson, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles prayed the dismissal prayer.

This session was adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
Harvest FreeWill Baptist Church
April 13, 1996

The Session opened with the congregation singing, *Victory in Jesus, I'm Going That Way, I'll Live in Glory*, and *Won't It be Wonderful There*. Bro. Van Clements led the singing and Sis. Wendy Shuemake played the piano. Rev. Wayne Parker gave the Invocation.

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, host church pastor, gave the Welcome; Rev. Ronnie Dobbs gave the Response.

The Clerk officially opened the Session.

In his initial remarks, the Moderator said that we were glad to be at Harvest. We originally were supposed to be at Pine Hills, then at Union Hill, but neither of them were able to host the session, so we are at Harvest. We did keep our speaker, Dr. Richard Cordell, informed of the changes. Bro. Cordell is the Alabama Promotional Director for our denomination.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, and Rev. Mike Beckon. The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Maude Fowler, and Sis. Ellen Hughes.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations to come before the session.

Ministers and deacons were recognized: Ministers, 14; and deacons, 7.

Rev. Bobby Peters read Gen. 1: 1-31 for our scripture reading and then led the congregation in prayer.

MSC to accept the Christian Board of Education's report as given by the chairman.

MSC to accept the Minister's Retirement's report given by the chairman.

MSC to accept the Youth Camp's report given by Rev. Mike Beckon.

MSC to accept the Children's Home Trustee's Report.

Home Missions and Ordaining Council had no reports.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee and Treasurer's Reports given by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept the Registration Committee report.

Miscellaneous Business:

Sis. Jackie Peters, President of the District WNAC, gave a report of the work; this report was received as information.

Dr. Richard Cordell gave a brief report on the Russian Project: Dr. Leroy & Faye Forlines are presently in Russia teaching; others are expected to go for tract canvassing, and then for follow-up to this; several of these ministers and laymen are from Alabama, particularly, the Madison FWB Church, Huntsville.

Rev. Jim McNeil stated that the First Church would be having some special events within the next few weeks and into the next year. He urged everyone to attend and support these Free Will Baptist endeavors.

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters gave a report on the Missions Walk-A-Thon scheduled for April 27.

Rev. Thomas Coxwell said Dave and Becky Franks, Jr., and the children would be coming early for furlough, because Becky is expecting their third child in November.

The session was recessed at 10:15 until 10:45.

Following recess, Bro. Van led the congregation in singing, *No Tears in Heaven*, and *I Want to Know More About My Lord*. Rev. Frank Fagan, pastor of New Hope, sang, *The Greatest Love Story*. The congregation then sang, *I Shall Not Be Moved* and *Come Unto Me*.

Rev. Mike Beckon and Rev. Jim McNeil received the offering; Bro. Jim prayed the prayer. After the offering, Bro. Jason Miller, Harvest Church, sang, *Beneath This Armor*. The offering had previously been designated to the Promotional Director's office.

Dr. Cordell preached the morning message from Romans 12: 1,2. He said for the believer there are five things that are most important for us to know about God: His Word; His Ways; His Work; His Wisdom; and His Will. God needs "living" Christians who are "not conformed to this world," but seek to do God's Will and finish His Work. It is "good" to find God's Will for our lives; it is "acceptable" to follow God's Will; and to finish God's Will is to prove what is His "perfect" Will for our lives.

Bro. Bobby Ned gave instructions for lunch. MSC to adjourn; Rev. James Osborn dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the meal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Slocumb, AL
June 29, 1996

The Session began with singing directed by Bro. Van Clements; Sis. Sandra Skiles was the pianist, in the absence of Bro. Ira Cox, and Sis. Wendy Shuemake was the organist. We sang *I Would Not Be Denied*, *Faith is the Victory*, *Victory in Jesus*, *Just Over In The Glory Land*, and *What A Day That Will Be*. Rev. Ronnie Dobbs opened the Session in prayer; Rev. Mike Beckon, pastor of the host church, gave the Welcome, and Rev. Raymond Rivers gave the Response. The Clerk, Sis. Rhetta Butler, officially opened the Session.

Dr. John Edwards, Moderator, said that several years ago the Union Hill Association was organized at Union Hill. He stated that he was glad to be at Union Hill for this Session and to be able to again fellowship with those attending the Session, which is the best part of the quarterly meetings. We actually do not carry on any business; we hear the reports of the committees that have already met and conducted the business of their committee, he said.

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Maude Fowler, and Sis. Irene Ward.

There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister associations. The Moderator recognized fifteen ministers and six deacons.

Bro. Lee Brown, from the host church, read the following scripture, Phil 2: 1-11, and led in prayer.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: 16 churches reporting with delegates, and four reporting without delegates. Motion made, seconded, and approved to receive the report. The standing delegates voted to seat the delegates present.

The Moderator noted to appointment of the committees for the annual session.

MSC to accept the oral report of the Home Missions Chairman that they were still sending their quarterly finances to help in the support of Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. and his family.

MSC to accept the report of the Christian Board of Education as given by Sis. Wendy Shuemake.

MSC to accept the report of the Minister's Retirement Board given by Bro. Junior Ward.

The Ordaining Council had no report.

MSC to accept the Youth Camp report given by Rev. Mike Beckon.

MSC to accept the oral report given by Bro. Braxton Click, Children's Home Trustee: there are 39 children at the home; the first new building is finished and occupied; the second new building will soon get underway. It will house the kitchen, recreational room, etc.

MSC to accept the finance committee report and give the church a rising vote of thanks.

During miscellaneous business, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Alabama Home Missions Board, reported that Rev. Dennis Haygood was on the field in East Huntsville. Bro. Lonnie asked prayer for him since he was having surgery on his throat. He also reported that the Prattville Mission was looking for another place to meet. He asked prayer for both of these items.

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters reported the LA Youth Conference would be held at Harvest July 29-31; Rev. Mike Beckon, evangelist.

Many were mentioned with physical illnesses and in need of prayer themselves as well as their families: Grace Edwards, Jan Baxley, Ruby Houston, Ralph Bell, Pauline Hasty, Starla Franklin, Lourie McNeil; and for Van Clements who has moved his business to his home.

Rev. Raymond Rivers invited all the ministers to Corinth the first Wednesday of each month for the Minister's Fellowship. Bro. Raymond also led in prayer for all the requests made.

Following recess, Bro. Van led the congregation in singing *Living By Faith, Where Could I Go?, Farther Along, The Eastern Gate, Sweet Hour of Prayer*, and *I Must Tell Jesus*. We had several specials: Bro. Van sang, *Beulah Land*; Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Rivers sang accapella, *What a Homecoming*; and Rev. Frank Fagan sang, *Look For Me*.

The Ushers were: Rev. Jim Osborn, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Rev. Madison Taylor, and Rev. Jim McNeil; Bro. Osborn prayed the offertory prayer. Sis. Wendy and Sis. Saundra played *Sweet Hour Of Prayer* on the instruments while the offering was being taken up. The offering was designated to the Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. family, who are returning to the states on furlough the first of August.

Before the message, the congregation was asked to sing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, since the 4th of July was the following Thursday. Bro. Harvey Windham led in prayer before the preaching.

Rev. Ricky Carroll, pastor of Hickory Grove FWB Church, in the Salem Association in Florida, brought the morning message. His text was Ex. 17: 8-16; I Sam. 15; and Rom. 7: 18-25. Bro. Ricky reminded us through these and other scriptures that we can be victorious through Christ, but we must first defeat our enemies. We must walk in victory and in obedience.

Bro. Mike gave instructions for the noon meal; we were dismissed in prayer.

The session was adjourned.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church
October 12, 1996**

The Annual Session was opened with the congregation singing: *We'll Work 'Til Jesus Come, Joy Unspeakable, I Feel Like Traveling On*, and *Oh, I Want To See Him*; Bro. Van Clements led the singing, and Sis. Sandra Skiles played the piano. The Invocation was given by Bro. Lewis Mallory.

The Welcome was given by Rev. James Osborn, pastor of the host church; the Response was given by Rev. Dave Franks, Jr., Foreign Missionary to Uruguay. Bro. Dave and his family are home on furlough; Sis. Becky, his wife, is expecting their third child in November.

The Clerk officially opened the Annual Session for any business properly brought before the body. In his initial remarks, the Moderator, Dr. John Edwards, said that today was graduation day for him and Sis. Rhett. He said he had been affiliated with State Line Association for 28 years; he has never missed any of the four sessions each year, neither has he ever been late for one. He has served as Moderator for 21 years; and also served on the Mission Board, Ordaining Council, and as Assistant Moderator. When he first came to this Association, some churches did not have air conditioning; now no church is without it.

He said, "We've seen a lot of changes;...we've come a long way in that aspect, but there's a long way to go spiritually; all of us need to grow in the Lord...It's been a real privilege for me to serve in the Association. State Line Association is one of the best in Alabama,...and it has been a real joy to work in this Association."

He also told the gathering he had not missed a State Association since 1958, even when he was living in Arizona; and had only missed one National Association Meeting that was held in California, while he was a student at Bible College. He urged everyone to continue to work together "and do things pleasing to God."

The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Lewis Mallory, Bro. Heyward Butler, and Bro. Junior Ward.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Sis. Irene Ward; and Sis. Maude Fowler.

Victory Fellowship FWB Church, newly organized, petitioned for membership in our association. Pastor, Rev. Steve Sanders, presented the petition; Victory Fellowship was represented with one deacon and fees. MSC to accept them into our fellowship pending three months under the watchcare of our association. Letter of petition follow these minutes. There was no correspondence from sister associations.

The Moderator recognized 15 ministers, 12 deacons, and one visitor, Rev. Fred Jones, Missionary to Prattville, AL, our speaker for the day. Others came in later and were recorded on the registration report.

Bro. Harold Womack, deacon from the host church, brought our scripture reading and prayer; his text was Luke 10: 25-37 and Bro. Womack focused on our acts of love and kindness to our fellowmen.

MSC to accept the Credentials Committee Report showing all 20 churches reporting - 15 with delegates and 5 without.

MSC to accept the reports of the Committees: Auxiliaries; Obituary; Placement; Suggestions; Temperance; and Nominating, which included

election of the General Board Members.

MSC to accept the oral report by Bro. Bobby Kennedy for Home Missions: we are continuing to support Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. with the money received into our account.

MSC to accept the Christian Education Report given by Sis. Wendy Shuemaker.

MSC to accept the Minister's Retirement Report given by Bro. Junior Ward.

MSC to accept the Ordaining Council's Report given by Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

MSC to accept the Youth Camp Report given by Rev. James Osborn.

MSC to accept the Children's Home Trustee's Report given by Bro. Braxton Click.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee and Treasurer's Reports given by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

MSC to accept the Registration Committee Report given by Sis. Wendy Shuemaker.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association Meeting November 7, 8 at First FWB Church, Dothan, AL: Sarah Fagan, Martha Clements, Susan Rivers, Irene Ward, Ann Kennedy, Mary Smith, Maude Fowler, Heyward Butler, Rhett Butler, Annette Tomlinson, David Miller, Irene Click, Chris Mitchel, Carmen Osborn, Betty Coxwell, Gladys Hall, and Loretta Culpepper.

During Miscellaneous Business, Bro. John Edwards mentioned the State Meeting which was being held at First Church, Dothan, this year. He said a Rally was planned for Wednesday evening at the church at 7:00, with Dr. Dan Ireland, ALCAP, speaking. He said a golf tournament was also being planned during the day on Wed. at Olympia Spa. Sis. Ann encouraged all the churches to dismiss their own Wed. evening services and meet at First Church; the Rally is being entitled, "Stand Up America." She also encouraged everyone to attend the ASWAC Missions Banquet on Friday, 5:00 PM; the speaker will be Rev. Dennis Haygood. The Banquet will be held at Wiregrass Rehab Center. Howard Grove is sponsoring an area-wide Youth Roundup for Sat. Oct. 26. There will be many activities and Rev. Rick Cash will be speaking to the group.

Rev. Mike Beckon said the Pastor's and Workers Conference will be held Feb. 24-26 at Madison FWB Church. He also asked for prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Mike Gillock who at that time were on their way back home to Tennessee; Bro Mike had been in revival near here, and Sis. Marsha was with him. She was expecting and already knew the baby was malformed. She delivered on Wed. evening; the baby died shortly afterwards. It was also mentioned that Rev. Phil Ange had had a heart attack; prayer was asked for him.

There were several revival services mentioned and home comings. Sis. Loretta Culpepper spoke and said she was a little scared of the job of clerk ahead, however, when she retired two years ago she had asked the Lord to use her, and she felt this was a ministry He had given her. She asked for everyone's prayers.

MSC to accept the District WNAC Report as information.

Following recess, Bro. Van led the congregation in singing, (Bro. Van calls this hymn the National Anthem of FWB's) *I Shall Not Be Moved*; we also sang, *He's A Wonderful Savior To Me, Have Faith In God, A Child Of The King*, and *'Til The Storm Passes By*. Bro. Bobby Kennedy opened the Worship Hour with prayer. Bro. Lewis Mallory and Bro. Bobby served as

ushers; Bro. Lewis prayed the offertory prayer. The Offering was designated to the Prattville Mission. Sis. Saundra Skiles, our pianist, played, *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, during the offering; then Bro. Van led the congregation in singing this hymn. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Rivers rendered our special music, *People Need The Lord*.

Rev. Fred Jones, Missionary to Prattville, AL was our speaker. He thanked everyone for the nice accommodations for him and his wife; he said they also had their granddaughter with them. He cited Nov. 24 as the second full year in the Prattville area. He said it had been a real challenge to buy property in Prattville, and to try to get their church plans through City Hall. Everyone seems to think we are a cult and are against us. But he said he and the State and National Mission Boards were determined to continue on for Jesus. He said he had already learned that society is sin-filled; and if you preach the Bible, and live by the FWB Covenant you are going to be unpopular. He said they have been averaging 35 in attendance.

Bro. Fred preached from Acts 13: 1-4 which he said shows a spirit-filled church and over-filled; not necessarily the church building filled, but the church members must be filled by the Holy Spirit.

He said there were certain characteristics predominant in the New Testament Church: soul winning; well taught; missionary-minded; and generous. He encouraged us all to be like this church.

Before adjourning the Annual Session, Bro. John called Rev. Bobby Ned Peters to the podium and officially turned State Line Association over to him as moderator. Bro. Van Clements said he wanted to thank Bro. John for the many years of dedicated service to our Association; he also thanked Sis. Rhetta Butler for four years as clerk. She thanked everyone for their cooperation and said her job had been a lot easier because everyone followed through and fulfilled their responsibilities. Bro. Bobby Ned closed the Session with prayer and asked the blessing on the lunch.

The Session was adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION - PETITIONARY LETTER

TO: Stateline Association of Free Will Baptist
FROM: Victory Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
REGARDING: Membership Into The Association

The newly formed Free Will Baptist Church is located between Taylor and Malvern. Just off Hwy. 52 on County Highway 70. We are meeting at the Old Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church. We were organized September 1, 1996, and only a month in operation and we have 9 active members. We are having a total average attendance of 12 for the month of September. Our attendance last Sunday was 15. We have had one blessed soul saved for that month of operation. The presence of the Lord is felt and we are having spirit-filled services every meeting.

Our goal is to be a soul-winning, Bible believing, and practicing Church. We have adopted the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Treaties as our doctrine. Our plan is to support the Association, in anyway that we can.

Delegate: Bro. Jerry Baker
Pastor: Rev. Steve Sanders
Clerk: Sister Lynn Sanders

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE LINE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST Corinth Free Will Baptist Church March 2, 1996

The Theme for 1996 was "Hold The Light High," Acts 13:47. Responsive Reading was led by the District President, Rhetta Butler; her scripture text was Psalm 24. The congregation sang, *This Is The Day*, led by Cynthia Knowles with Renae Nance at the piano; Wendy Shuemaker led in prayer.

The 1996 Convention was then called to order by the District President. Annette Mallory, Coordinator of the host church, gave the Welcome; Sandra Skiles from Goodwater gave the Response.

Visitors, pastors, and churches were recognized; Visitors - Rev. & Mrs. Fred Jones, Home Missionaries to Prattville, AL; and Rev. Raymond Rivers, host pastor.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

CREDENTIALS: Shirley Sullivan, Chairman; Martha Clements; and Jackie Peters

FINANCE: Loretta Culpepper, Chairman; Robin McLaney; and Carolyn Stewart.

NOMINATIONS: Brenda Lewis, Chairman; Maude Fowler; and Renae Nance.

This committee was appointed in 1995.

RESOLUTIONS: Starla Parker, Chairman; Belinda Peacock; and Orlinda Stevens.

REGISTRATION: Host Church, Corinth.

Judy Ellenburg, Goodwater WNAC, sang a solo, *I Carried The Cross For You*. Barbara Jones, missionary to Prattville, AL, shared with the group about their work in the Prattville area. Her scripture text was James 5:20 and Proverbs 11:30.

The Credentials Committee report was given as follows:

We, the Credentials Committee, find the following churches reporting with dues and membership: Corinth, Cowarts Creek, Eastside, First Dothan (Day and Night Groups), Goodwater, Harvest, New Hope, Shiloh, and Union Hill.

Total Enrollment: 111; Total Dues - \$1,276.50. The delegates were then seated to carry on the business of the day. A count of all groups was taken: Corinth - 9; Cowarts Creek - 0; Eastside - 3; First Dothan - 5; Goodwater - 12; Harvest - 7; New Hope - 6; Shiloh - 2; Union Hill - 3.

Then Business Session began with the chairmen reporting:

MISSIONS:

Number of Women subscribing to:

Co-Laborer	110
Mission Grams	59
Heartbeat	66
Contact	29
FWBB College Bulletin	28
Other	10

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer, Foreign Missions: 104 attending; \$58, total offering.

Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer, Home Mis.: 151 attending; \$742.71, total offering.

Week- of-Prayer State Home Missions: 0 attending; 0 total offering.

Mission Studies: 16 average attendance / 16 books

Study Courses: 5

Missions Programs - 11; Other Activities - 6

Number of Women participating in Missions Activities - 116.

Niria Ammons, Chairman, MSC

PRAYER:

Women participating in local groups:

Prayer Fellowship	34
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Family Devotions	45
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer	87
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer	131
State Home Missions Week of Prayer	13
National Association Day of Prayer & Fasting	1
World Day of Prayer	9
National Day of Prayer	3
Prayer Studies: Number - 10; Total Attendance - 25	
Prayer Retreat: Number planned - 2; Number Attending - 9	
Prayer Reminders Prepared: 267	

Ethel Vaughan, Chairman, MSC

SERVICE:

Types of opportunities:	Numbers Held:	Numbers Involved:
Children's Ministries	1	160 children 25 adults
Youth Ministries	1	15
Visitation	284	20
Senior Citizens	9	36
Church Related	8	109
Officers in women's groups: State - 1; District - 7; Local - 37		
Card Ministry: 50 sent; four ladies involved		

Brenda Lewis, Chairman, MSC

STUDY:

Types of studies preferred: *What Happens When Women Pray, Truth About Lies, New Life Discipleship Services, Don't Say That Name, The Bible and The Manual.*

Number of Study Groups	6
Studies in Missions	8
Studies in Christian Living	15
Studies in Prayer	8
Studies in Manual	2
Total Number of Studies	33
Avg. Attendance - Study Groups	54
Avg. Attendance - General Studies	0
Number-Women subscribing:	

Co-laborer	67
Contact	13
Heartbest	37
Mission Grams	30
FWBBC Bulletin	21

Betty Coxwell, Chairman, MSC

FIELD WORKER:

It has been a joy for me to work with WNAC for the past year. We continue to have churches without a WNAC group, and we have a few churches with a women's group that has not joined the district. We hope these groups will join us soon.

I was asked to speak to the Harvest WNAC during their enlistment program. I tried to be an encouragement to them as they were enlisting new members.

I was also asked to speak at the Eastside WNAC. They had a special program for the widows of their church. We tried to encourage the widows to keep working for Christ and not quit.

I thank the Lord for these times of sharing with the women of our district.

Ann Kennedy, Chairman, MSC

HISTORIAN:

Included in the Florida State Line WNAC District scrapbook for the year 1995 are photos of the following:

- The 38th Annual State Line Convention at Union Hill FWB Church, Slocumb, AL.
- The ASWAC Prayer Retreat held at Shocco Springs, AL
- The 9th National Prayer Retreat held in Glorieta, New Mexico.

I was unable to attend the State Convention in May at Forrestdale FWB Church, Birmingham, therefore, I do not have photos of this convention. If anyone has any photos and would like to share them with me please do so.

Terrie Martin, Chairman, MSC

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RESOLUTIONS:

To send any information from District Chairmen to respective local chairmen, local coordinators, and district president.

To serve the Lord in integrity and uprightness of heart according to Ps. 25:5.

FieldWorker to visit local churches to encourage all ladies not currently involved in WNAC as well as encourage teens to get involved in Actionettes.

Starla Parker, Chairman; Belinda Peacock; Orlanda Stevens, MSC

REGISTRATION:

WNAC Members	48
Visitors	3
TOTAL	51

Host Church, MSC

NOMINATIONS:

President	Jackie Peters
Vice-President	Rhetta Butler
Treasurer	Emma Jean Mallory
Missions	Niria Ammons
Prayer	Ethel Vaughan
Service	Cynthia Knowles
Study	Betty Coxwell
FieldWorker	Jennifer Mitchell (Joyce Carter)
Historian	Terrie Martin

Brenda Lewis, Chairman; Maude Fowler; Renae Nance; MSC

Delegates were appointed to the State Meeting in Sylacauga, AL, May 4:

Ethel Vaughan	Rhetta Butler	Sarah Fagan
Terrie Martin	Robin McLaney	Orlanda Stevens
Betty Coxwell	Jennifer Mitchell	Emma Jean Mallory
Willie Mae Barfield	Eileen Downing	Loretta Culpepper
Carolyn Stewart	Sandra Skiles	Debbie Jones
Geraldine Boyd	Annette Tomlinson	Joyce Carter
Renae Nance		Coot Jones

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ann Kennedy, State President, reported on the State Convention; it will be the 59th year. Special features are planned for the day. Mary Ruth Wisehart, Janie & Jimmy Aldridge will be the guest speakers.

First Church, Dothan, will have Susan Turnbough June 15 for a Missionary Conference.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church and Rhetta Butler for a job well done.

Ann Kennedy installed the 1996 officers

We were dismissed for recess.

Congregational singing began the Morning Worship Services. *To God Be The Glory*; Susan Rivers led in prayer. Marjorie Bartlett prayed the offertory prayer. The offering was received by Marjorie Bartlett and Melissa Roberts. Susan Rivers, from the host church, Corinth, sang a special, *Holy Spirit*.

Rev. Fred Jones, Home Missionary to Prattville, AL, brought the morning message. His scripture text was Acts 13: 1-3, 31, 49. god has called all of us to do a special work for Him. Be a witness: 1 - Go; 2 - Present; 3 - Draw them in. He challenged us to give tracts out to someone that needs Jesus.

YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT:

RECEIPTS

CASH ON HAND - 1 JAN 1995	\$379.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS RECIEVED AND DEPOSITED	<u>\$4510.23</u>
TOTAL MONEY TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$4889.23
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$4864.23</u>
BALANCE ON HAND - 31 DEC 1995	\$25.00

RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS:

*Alabama Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ	\$4637.13
Emma Jean Mallory for Flowers for Mrs. Bishop	13.91
Joni Pettis, TEAM Member, Speaker	58.19
Florida Stateline Association for Printing Minutes	30.00
Sandra Bishop, District Annual Meeting Speaker Love Offering	125.00
	<u>\$4864.23</u>

*Disbursements of Money Sent Through AFWBWAC

WNAC Operating Funds	\$350.00
Carley Lloyd	20.00
Alabama FWB Children's Home	14.90
Home Missions	36.96
Dave Franks, Jr.	451.30
Dues for 108 Members	1188.00
Food for State Annual Meeting	45.00
State Minute Money	9.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	176.00
Sandra Bishop Account	676.59
Laura Barnard Offering	437.00
Ken Eagerton	285.00
Fred Jones	135.00
Alabama State WAC General Fund	3.67
WNAC Emphasis	185.00
Foreign Missions General Fund	15.00
Memorial Student Loan Fund	41.00
Lizzie McAdams Offering	567.71
	<u>\$4637.13</u>

MSC

**RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENTS AT ANNUAL MEETING
FLORIDA STATE LINE DISTRICT WNAC
March 2, 1996**

LOCALWNAC	MEMBERS	DUES	FAITH OFFERING	*FOOD	**MINUTES	SHIRLEY KENNEDY MEMORIAL OFFERING
Corinth	10	115.00	70.00	5.00	1.00	
Cowarts	2	23.00				
Eastside	9	103.50	50.00	5.00	1.00	50.00
1st Dothan	11	126.50	50.00	5.00	1.00	
1st Dothan (day)	12	138.00	50.00	5.00	1.00	
Goodwater	20	230.00	100.00	5.00	1.00	25.00
Harvest	16	184.00	100.00	5.00	1.00	
New Hope	12	138.00		5.00	1.00	
Shiloh	8	92.00	50.00	5.00	1.00	50.00
Union hill	11	126.50	100.00	5.00	1.00	100.00
TOTALS	111	1276.50	570.00	45.00	9.00	225.00

*Food for Alabama State WNAC Convention in May

**Printing for State Minutes

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Faith Project Money	\$570.00
Love Offering	172.00
Dues (111 member @ \$11.50 per member	1,276.50
Food for State Annual Meeting	45.00
Printing of State Minutes	9.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	225.00
Balance from Treasury	25.00
Total receipts to account for	<u>\$2,322.80</u>

RECOMMENDED DISBURSEMENTS:

State & Nat. Dues - 111 members @ \$11 per member	\$1,221.00
Food for State Meeting	45.00
Printing of State Minutes	9.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund	225.00
State Line Association for District Minutes	30.00
Love Offering for Bro. & Sis. Fred Jones	150.00
Gift to Bro. & Sis. Jones Account	617.80
Treasury for 1996	25.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,322.80</u>

Loretta Culpepper, Chairman;
Carolyn Stewart; Robin McLaney; MSC

The 1996 Convention was dismissed in prayer by Annette Tomlinson; Rhetta Butler blessed the food. A covered-dish luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Rhetta Butler, President;
Emma Jean Mallory, Secretary

The weather was sunny and cold.

ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AUXILIARIES:

We, the Auxiliaries Committee, make the following report:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number of Churches</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Churches Reporting	19*	2,499
Sunday Schools	19	998
Church Training Services	8	259
WNAC's	9	139
Master's Men	1	8

Respectfully submitted,
Panther Creek Church

**Pleasant Ridge was unable to report statistics.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - SLATE OF OFFICERS

<u>OFFICERS:</u>	<u>PRESENTLY</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>
Moderator	Dr. John Edwards	Rev. Bobby Peters
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bobby Peters	Rev. Jim McNeil
Clerk	Sis. Rhetta Butler	Sis. Loretta Culpepper
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Maude Fowler	Sis. Maude Fowler
Treasurer	Sis. Ann Kennedy	Sis. Ann Kennedy
Song Leader	Bro. Van Clements, Jr.	Bro. Van Clements, Jr.
Pianist	Bro. Ira Cox	Sis. Saunder Skiles

BOARDS:

Home Missions	Rev. Lynn Miley Rev. Wayne Parker	1999 1997	Bro. Byron Mallory Bro. Larry Jones
Ordaining Council	Rev. Ricky Carroll Rev. David Womack	2001 1998	Rev. Ronnie Dobbs Rev. E.R. Mayo
Minister's Retirement	Bro. Eugene Jones	1999	Bro. Eugene Jones
Christian Education	Bro. Greg Ammons	1999	Bro. Dennis Woodham
Youth Camp	Rev. Mike Beckon Bro. Larry Jones	2001 1997	Rev. Mike Beckon Rev. Wayne Parker
Children's Home Trustee	Bro. Braxton Click		Bro. Braxton Click

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

CHURCH:

Antioch:
Corinth:
Cowarts Creek:
Eastside:
First, Dothan:
First, Enterprise:
First, Samson:
Goodwater:
Harvest:
Howard Grove:
Magnolia:
New Hope:
Panther Creek:
Pine Hills:
Pleasant Ridge:
Shiloh:
Springfield:
Spring Hill:
Union Hill:
Union Springs:

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER:

None Listed
Bro. Earl Culpepper
Bro. Rodney Fowler
Bro. Junior Ward
Bro. Lewis Mallory
Bro. Braxton Click
Rev. Donald Gainey
Rev. Lonnie Skiles
Bro. David Miller
Rev. James Osborn
Bro. Levy Parramore
Bro. Harvey Windham
Bro. Eddie Dempsey
None Listed
None Listed
Bro. Rudolph Lanton
Rev. Wayne Parker
Bro. Bill Carlisle
Bro. Sam Morris
Bro. Dennis Woodham

Make a move you accept this report and proceed to elect item by item.
Seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman
Rev. Thomas Coxwell
Rev. Ronnie Dobbs

OBITUARY:

We, the Obituary Committee, make the following report:

There were 35 deceased members for the period September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996.

Cowarts Creek	Addie Anderson
Eastside	Roger Dale Riley, Flozzie Paulk, George Vanhoy, Coley Reeder, Frank Floyd, Charlie Jones, Ruby Cole Whitehurse, Grace Edwards, Ethel Howell
First, Dothan	Rev. Ralph Bell, June Jackson
First, Enterprise	Joe King, Rev. Charles Jenks
First, Samson	Clifford R. Maloy
Goodwater	Alfred Shirley
Harvest.....	Sallie Collier, Barney Senn
Howart Grove	Thelma Snell, Albert Kirkland, Ruby Adams, Mrs. Whitfield, Ray Snell, Mary Parsons
Magnolia	Ralph Marchman, Sybil Walker, Rev. Horace Herndon
Panther Creek	Lurie McNeil, Bernard Lewis, Minnie Bell Smith
Shiloh	Mrs. L. V. Odom
Springfield	Will Roney, James Clayton
Union Hill	Addie Hyman, Willis Hall

One thing in particular please notice, during this reporting period our Association baptized only 34. Somewhere we are not doing our job. Read Psalm 23 with me, then we will take a moment to remember the families of these departed; Bro. Junior Ward will close this service with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Shiloh Church

PLACEMENT:

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Panther Creek

Date: January 11, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Speaker:

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield

Date: April 12, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Speaker:

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Shiloh

Date: June 28, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Speaker:

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: New Hope

Date: October 11, 1997

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Speaker:

Respectfully submitted,
Cowarts Creek

TEMPERANCE:

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

Galations 5: 19-21 lists nine fruits or graces of the spirit. Since all of these fruits are opposite of our basic nature, as Christians we have to rely on Christ's Spirit to enable us to exemplify them in our lives. Often we try to rely on ourselves.

Temperance is the attitude of heart which enables us to be restraining and disciplined in ourselves. The word actually means to have under control, to grip, and to take hold of. Therefore, the Spirit-controlled Christian takes hold of himself so he can restrain himself in all areas of his life. And he does this because he is "Led be the Spirit of God". Verse 25 indicates Temperate in all things, as we strive for that incorruptible crown.

Respectfully submitted,
Enterprise Church

SUGGESTIONS:

We are coming of age, I think, in America and in the world in which we live where all of our commitments to what we have know all of our lives are going to have to be renewed. We're going to have to decide what we are going to stand for and what we are going to stand against. So in the light of that little mini-sermon we make this suggestion:

A renewal of commitment of our churches to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the infallibility of the Word of God; the evangelization of the world beginning at home and reaching to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvest Church

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

First Quarterly Session:

The Christian Board of Education is looking forward to a great year. We believe the Lord will bless as we endeavor to do His will. We have had two names turned into us for the college fund. We would like to congratulate them on a job well done. They will be rewarded the money which they are entitled to. The two that will be rewarded \$50.00 each per term are Joey Beckon and Amber Whatley.

Secondly, we would like to mention that competition is coming up on April and we need to know who is interested in being in the competition. We would love for all of those who can and will to be part of the competition.

We are also planning to have an Associational Revival in August. We hope to have John Edwards, Lonnie Skiles, Raymond Rivers, Frank Fagan and Mike Beckon as the speakers for this revival. Pray that God will bless this revival. Also pray that God will be with our young people and cause them to be closer to Him and for His will. The young people are our future so pray for and stand by them.

May God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Greg Ammons, Chairman
Bro. Don Hartzog
Sis. Wendy Shuemaker

Second Quarterly Session:

The scholarship program is still in effect. So far, we have only two participants in this program. We encourage other college students to apply for this.

We are still planning our Associational Revival. An exact date has not been set. Your support would be greatly appreciated. The last two years we have had moving revivals with many decisions made to follow and serve the Lord.

We are also planning some other activities that will be announced at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Board of Education

Third Quarterly Session:

The Associational Revival is planned for August 19-23, 1996, at Eastside Church. We are looking forward to having a great revival this year as we have had the last two years. As before, we will need choir members and special singers for each night. If you would be willing to sing, you may contact the Christian Board of Education. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Board of Education

Annual Session:

We the Christian Board would like to submit the following report:

We had an Associational Revival in August and would like to thank all those who came out and supported the Revival. We also want to thank all of the preachers who spoke each night. We received a blessing from it and pray that you did too. We would also like to mention that we are planning an Associational Youth Social to be held sometime in December; we will be sending out letters to the churches concerning this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Board of Education

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT:

First Quarterly Session:

Motion: To combine the Association and the Retirement Board checking account into one (1) account with the interest going into the Retirement Board account.

Also, Shiloh has applied for their pastor, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, to be included in the Retirement Plan.

Please note the new Guidelines for the State Line Minister's Retirement Program which follow this report.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 ~ AUGUST 30, 1995**

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>ASSN OFFER</u>	<u>29% OUR INCOME</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Antioch	250.00	72.50	0	72.50
Corinth	569.48	165.13	0	165.13
Cowarts Creek	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Eastside	2421.10	702.12	1210.76	1912.88
First, Dothan	1610.54	467.04	900.00	1367.04
First, E-prise	80.00	23.20	0	23.20
First, Samson	861.47	249.82	861.44	1111.26
Goodwater	350.00	101.50	0	101.50
Harvest	250.00	72.50	0	72.50
Howard Grove	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Magnolia	1247.78	361.85	0	361.85
New Hope	750.00	217.50	400.00	617.50
Panther Creek	100.00	29.00	0	29.00
Pine Hill	100.00	29.00	0	29.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00	7.25	0	7.25
Shiloh	400.00	116.00	0	116.00
Springfield	910.70	264.10	227.60	491.70
Spring Hill	100.00	29.00	0	29.00
Union Hill	600.00	174.00	600.00	774.00
Union Springs	200.00	58.00	0	58.00
Interest	Checking	147.32	CD 630.00	777.32
Rev. Floyd Barber			50.00	50.00
TOTALS	11626.07	3371.51	4199.80	8398.63
Disbursements	6830.09			

Respectfully submitted,
Junior Ward, Chairman
Bro. Eugene Jones
Rev. Thomas Coxwell

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE LINE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

I. NAME: State Line Association Minister's Retirement

II. WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?

- A. Any minister who has attained sixty-five (65) years of age and has pastored or is pastoring a church in the State Line Association for a minimum of five (5) years.
- B. The minister who has promoted the retirement plan for at least five (5) years and has enrolled in the program prior to April 13, 1996. Any minister who enrolls after April 13, 1996 must pastor five (5) years from the date of enrollment in a church that supports the retirement program in order to qualify.
- C. The church has contributed to the Board of Minister's Retirement regularly; either through the Association's Co-Operative Plan or directly to the Board of Retirement for at least five (5) years.
- D. The minister does not have to cease pastoring in order to be eligible for benefits.
- E. When a minister has pastored five (5) years or more in the State Line Association and has met all the qualifications for retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to begin drawing his retirement providing she does not remarry and her membership remains in good standing in a church which is affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Denomination.
- F. Any minister who has not reached the age of retirement and becomes physically disabled to perform his pastoral duties may apply for retirement benefits if he has fulfilled all other requirements.

III. THE MINISTER'S MEMBERSHIP

- A. The minister who has reached the age of retirement must maintain membership in a local Free Will Baptist Church which is affiliated with the local, state, and National Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. If the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist Church outside the State Line Association, that church of FWB Association in which he is affiliated must submit a letter of good standing to the State Line Association each year stating that fact.

IV. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

- A: The retiring or disabled minister must have his church submit an application to the State Line Association for approval **before** he receives any benefits.
- B: Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:
- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 5-10 years pastoring | \$25.00 per month |
| 10-15 years pastoring | \$50.00 per month |
| 15-20 years pastoring | \$75.00 per month |
| Over 20 years pastoring | \$100.00 per month |
- C: If funds are not available, all retirees benefits shall be prorated.
- D: Birthday and Christmas bonuses will be determined by the Board of Retirement as funds are available.
- E: Pastoring outside the State Line Association will not be used in calculating benefits.
- F: Pastoring a church in the State Line Association after **April 13, 1996** that does **not** support the Minister's Retirement Plan will not be used in calculating benefits.
- G: The retired ministers shall be governed by the State Line Association Presbytery's rules.
- H: The retirees are urged to attend all Associational Meetings.
- I: These guidelines will not effect those who are already receiving retirement benefits.

Please note: Changes have been made to Section II B, & E; Section III A, & B; Section IV A, F, G, H, & I.

Second Quarterly Session:

On March 12, 1996, a reminder, along with an application and guidelines for the Minister's Retirement Program was sent to pastors and/or church clerks who, at that time, had still not enrolled in the program.

As the new adopted policy states, if the church or pastor does not enroll by April 13, 1996, the pastor cannot be grandfathered into the program. His retirement period will begin from the date of application. As of April 2nd, the following have not responded:

Churches:

Antioch, Corinth, First Enterprise, Magnolia, Panther Creek, Pine Hills, Pleasant Ridge, Spring Hill, Union Springs.

Pastors:

Rev. Ralph J. Bollon, Rev. Keith Cole, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, Rev. Charles Jenks, Rev. James Osborn, Rev. Raymond Rivers, Rev. Steve Sanders, Rev. David Womack, Bro. Dennis Woodham, and Rev. Richard Irwin.

Respectfully submitted,
Minister's Retirement

Third Quarterly Session:

We the Minister's Retirement Board, recommend the widow of Rev. Horace Herndon be placed on retirement at the rate of \$50.00 per month following passage. Bro. Herndon passed away June 1996.

A brief history of Rev. Herndon is as follows: ordained August 1955, pastored at Corinth, Magnolia, Shiloh, Springfield, Spring Hill & Union Springs. Some of these churches he pastored more than once and at times had two part-time churches simultaneously. Further, Bro. Herndon pastored in Barbour County and in Florida outside of the State Line Association. He also pastored part-time at other churches as well.

During the time Bro. Herndon was pastoring in the State Line Association, the formula for retirement was \$5.00 per month for each year pastored, up to 10 years or the maximum of \$50.00 per month.

His widow is Louise Herndon of 1140 John D. Odom Road, Dothan, AL 36303. Her date of birth is 11/19/23. She has been furnished a copy of the new guidelines for the Minister's Retirement Board and same was explained to her, which she agreed.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,
Minister's Retirement Board

Annual Session:

We are sorry to report we lost three people this month: Rev. Ralph Bell, a retired minister; Sis. Grace Edwards, the wife of retiree Dr. John Edwards; and Mrs. Addie Hyman. Our income has been good this year and we praise God He has laid it upon your hearts to support the retirement program.

We recommend the second Sunday in December be designated as Minister's Retirement Sunday and each church in the Association take up an offering.

We have nine retirees at present in our budget: Dr. John A. Edwards; Rev. Madison Taylor; Rev. Thomas Coxwell; and Rev. Floyed Barber; and three widows of retired preachers: Mrs. Della Brannon; Mrs. Ruby Nobles; Mrs. Eunice Stevens; Mrs. Maudeen Bell; and Mrs. Louise Herndon.

Our obligation to our retirees per year is \$8,400.00, so we cannot be slack on our giving. A detailed financial statement will be given at the January Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Minister's Retirement

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

First Quarterly Session:

The Ordaining Council met on January 13, 1996, with Rev. Thomas Coxwell and Rev. Lonnie Skiles present. We have examined the letters of Rev. Richard Irwin, and recommend he be accepted in full fellowship with the State Line Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Chairman
Rev. Ricky Carroll
Rev. Jim McNeil
Rev. David Womack
Rev. Lonnie Skiles

Annual Session:

The Examining Board met at Howard Grove Church; Bro. Coxwell & Bro. Skiles were present.

Motion carried to accept Rev. Frank Fagan into the State Line Association. We received a letter of recommendation from his former association (East Alabama).

Motion carried to recommend Bro. Dennis Woodham for ordination. Bro. Dennis is pastor of Union Springs FWB Church. Ordination Service will be at Goodwater Church at 2:30 PM on Sunday, October 20, 1996.

I make a motion to accept this report as read and proceed to accept item by item. Seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Ordaining Council

YOUTH CAMP BOARD:

First Quarterly Session:

We the Youth Camp Board make the following report:

Youth Camp this year will be held the same week it was held last year - June 24 - 28, Monday through Friday. The camp evangelist this year will be Bro. Karl Sexton for our teen services and Bro. Chris Mitchell will serve as our junior's evangelist. Bro. Mike Beckon will serve as camp director. The cost per camper will remain the same as last year - \$99 per camper. We are asking each young person to pay \$75 and the camp board will make up the rest. All the information concerning camp along with applications will be sent at a later date.

Furthermore, I would encourage every pastor and every church member to help with our youth camp. You can help with your prayers and with your promotion. Pray for camp, the workers and the youth that God will speak to their hearts. Promote camp in your church and encourage your young people to attend. Help them with their finances. If everyone does nothing, then there will be no camp, so send us your young people.

Should you have any questions to arise concerning camp, feel free to contact any youth camp board member and we'll try to be as much help as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James Osborn, Chairman
Rev. Mike Beckon
Rev. Raymond Rivers
Bro. David Miller

Second Quarterly Session:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord! It's Camp Time again and we are excited about ministering to the youth of our association. We trust that you will encourage your young people to come. We also ask that you will pray with us that God will meet with us again, as He has in the past.

This year the camp dates are: June 24 - 28; The Vineyard, in Ariton, will again be the Location; Karl Sexton - the Sr. Evangelist; and Chris Mitchell - the Jr. Evangelist; cost - \$99 per camper and we are asking each camper to pay \$75 of this.

I have prepared packets of each church with all the information concerning Youth Camp "96". Please feel free to make as many copies as you will need. Please copy all six pages, for all the pages have valuable information. Should any questions arise, feel free to contact me, Rev. Mike Beckon, Camp Director, at the number below, and I will be as helpful as I can be.

Respectfully submitted,
Youth Camp Board

Third Quarterly Session:

We the Youth Camp Board make the following report:

We have just concluded another year of Camp. We had 90 campers plus 23 workers which made up for 113 in camp this year. Rev. Karl Sexton and Bro. Chris Mitchell were the evangelists. As of now there have been 6 first time decisions and many, many rededications. Our young people were challenged from the Word of God.

Allow me to say thank-you for sending us your young people. I do feel our Youth of today desire to know the truth. Also there are still several of our churches who still do not send us their youth. Camp is only as successful as we make it. I also would like to thank our churches who went beyond what was required and paid for workers and the full price of the campers. It not only allowed us to pay off our debt, but to start next year in the black.

We also have recorded most of the morning and evening services. We have a total of 5 tapes. If you would like a copy, see one of the Board members or Jason Miller and we will make them for you. The cost is \$10 for the 5 tapes or \$3 each.

Respectfully submitted,
The Youth Camp Board

Annual Session:

It is our joy and privilege to report to you again another successful Youth Camp for 1996. Bro. Mike Beckon served as our Camp Director and did a wonderful job of leading the camp and keeping a spiritual atmosphere as well as a fun time for everyone. Due to the efforts of several of our supporting churches by paying the difference between our own fee for the campers and the actual cost we pay for the camp, this helped us tremendously this year to show over a \$1500 balance in our account at the end of camp. These churches raised money to pay for their campers and many paid for the counselors and workers.

We deeply appreciate everyone who allows their children to be a part of these camp sessions and you who support the camp program by whatever means. We hope most of all that you will pray for the children and youth in our church families. Along with the church and the family, Camp has proven to be a "tool" that God uses to reach and touch to influence the hearts and lives of children and young people. It is our joy to experience them finding salvation and to see a desire develop in their hearts to walk closer to the Lord. Also many of these young people feel a call of God upon their lives during these days of Youth Camp.

Karl Sexton serves as our teen evangelist and Chris Mitchell as our Jr. Evangelist, again this year. Both of these preachers did an outstanding job of preaching the Word of God in a practical sense to our young people. There were several salvation decisions and also many for rededication.

We have set the following dates for Youth Camp 1997: Monday - Friday, June 23-27, 1997 at the same place, Camp Vineyard.

We are also planning a Retreat in January and you will be hearing more about it today and receiving more information about it in the future.

As the Youth Camp Board we thank you for the privilege to serve the churches of our Association. It is truly a blessing to do what we can to try and lead these young people to the Lord and enriching their lives with a closer walk with Him.

With our type of program it is very difficult to set a fixed budget. Over 70% of our income comes from the camper fees and so we can only give a very rough estimate as to our financial needs. With our future desires for the Youth Camp Program this even makes this estimate more difficult to establish. With our part of the Evangelist honorariums and the difference we pay from the campers fees to the Camp Vineyard, with the present cost, we can only estimate that we need approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 to effectively do what we can for our young people in Youth Camp and other retreats and such. Thank you once again from each board member. Rev. Mike Beckon, Bro. Larry Jones, Bro. David Miller, Rev. Raymond Rivers, and Rev. James Osborn, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
Youth Camp Board

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE:

First Quarterly Session:

In order to show you how badly we need more room at the Home, I want to tell you about a recent call Bro. Corey received. A pastor called the Home and told Bro. Corey that he needed a place to put a young girl, but Bro. Corey told the pastor he had no space at all for her. The following month, that pastor reported to Bro. Corey that the girl had committed suicide.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Braxton Click

Second Quarterly Session:

The Home has 29 children at present. The new building is completed and is occupied. We were able to save \$60,000 on the first building with the help of donated labor. So we have enough to start another building. The inspector said he would condemn the present building we are in (the old, historic, building) if he could not see an effort to build and relocate to new buildings.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Braxton Click

Third Quarterly Session:

The second building has been started. If you would like to help furnish this building completely or in part, contact Dr. Corey; a plaque will be put up with these names in the building.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Braxton Click

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

First Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	16
Deacons	11
Delegates	42
Visitors	8
TOTAL	77

Respectively submitted,
New Hope Church

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	15
Deacons	7
Delegates	43
Visitors	13
TOTAL	78

Respectively submitted,
New Hope Church

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	14
Deacons	7
Delegates	35
Visitors	12
TOTAL	68

And we recommend that the church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectively submitted,
New Hope Church

Annual Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	16
Deacons	13
Delegates	42
Visitors	10
TOTAL	81

We move this report be accepted and this church be given a rising vote of thanks.

Respectively submitted,
New Hope Church

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

First Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,459.20
Other	<u>\$2,092.48</u>
TOTAL	\$4,551.68

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Sis. Irene Ward; Sis. Maude Fowler

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,541.52
Other	<u>\$2,014.56</u>
TOTAL	\$4,556.08

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Sis. Maude Fowler; Sis. Ellen Hughes

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,336.87
Other	<u>\$1,804.84</u>
TOTAL	\$4,141.71

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Sis. Maude Fowler; Sis. Irene Ward

Annual Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,402.85
Other	<u>\$1,917.41</u>
TOTAL	\$4,320.26

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Sis. Irene Ward; Sis. Maude Fowler

YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 1995 to AUGUST 31, 1996

Balance Brought Forward September 1, 1995		\$28,256.86
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>DESIGNATED</u>
Antioch	250.00	
Corinth	585.51	
Cowarts Creek	400.00	
Home Missions		242.39
Foreign Missions		242.37
Southeastern Bible College		242.37
Children's Home		242.37
Eastside	893.29	
Minister's Retirement		1,237.04
First, Dothan	1,676.00	
Minister's Retirement		1,200.00
First, Enterprise	80.00	
First, Samson	923.45	
Minister's Retirement		923.45
Goodwater	400.00	
Harvest	300.00	
Howard Grove	400.00	
Magnolia	1,967.08	
Dave Franks, Jr.		210.87
New Hope	750.00	
Minister's Retirement		400.00
Panther Creek	125.00	
Pine Hills	75.00	
Pleasant Ridge	50.00	
Shiloh	400.00	
FWB Bible College		241.66
Home Missions		241.66
Foreign Missions		241.66
Children's Home		241.66
Minister's Retirement		174.95
Springfield	680.00	
Southeastern Bible College		170.00
Minister's Retirement		170.00
Youth Camp		170.00
Children's Home		170.00
Foreign Missions		80.00
Home Missions		170.00
Dave Franks, Jr.		90.00
Springhill	150.00	
Union Hill	600.00	
Minister's Retirement		600.00
Union Springs	200.00	
Association Offering (Gen. Fd.)		175.91
Interest (Gen. Fd.)		30.83
Interest (Minister's Retirement)		201.07
Dr. Floyd Barber (Minister's Ret.)		50.00
Sale of Printer (C. E. Bd.)		50.00
Association Offering (Jonathan Miley)		101.50
State Line WNAC (Gen. Fd.)		30.00
CD Interest (Minister's Ret.)		1,263.40
Association Offering Dave Franks, Jr.		73.00
Youth Camp Fees		4,928.00
Totals	10,905.33	14,606.15
Total to Account For:		\$53,768.34

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	4,498.68	
Bd. of Christian Education	668.04	
Missions Board	1,308.63	
Minister's Retirement	7,800.00	
Youth Camp	6,438.50	
Together Way Plan:		
State General Fund	436.20	
Home Missions	109.05	
Children's Home	109.05	
State Bd. of Christian Ed.	109.05	
ALCAP	218.10	
Designated:		
Children's Home		654.01
Fred Jones Account		654.04
Foreign Missions		564.03
Southeastern Bible College		412.37
Dave Franks, Jr. Account		300.87
FWB Bible College		241.65
Totals	21,695.30	2,826.97
Total Disbursed		24,522.27

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

General Fund	2,511.42
Bd. of Christian Education	2,277.66
Missions Board	243.81
Minister's Retirement	2,896.75
Certificate of Deposit	19,263.40
Youth Camp	2,053.03
Total	29,246.07

Balance August 31, 1996

\$29,246.07

PLAN OF SUPPORT:

General Fund	26%
Minister's Retirement	29%
Youth Camp Board	16%
Home Missions Board	12%
Board of Christian Education	8%
*Alabama State Association	9%
TOTAL	100%

*General Fund	4%
Home Missions	1%
Children's Home	1%
Board of Christian Education	1%
ALCAP	2%
TOTAL	9%

WNAC DISTRICT REPORT TO:

Annual Session

We presently have 8 WNAC groups in our association with a membership of 111.

Some missionaries that became stars in our meeting were: Barbara & Fred Jones. Janie & Jimmy Aldridge. Also, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart spoke at our State Convention. She used Isaiah 42:6-9 urging us as women to have "A Mind To Work."

With that in mind, we're looking forward to our Provision closet shower, November 5th at First FWB Church. *The Missions Banquet will be November 8th. Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer is November 17th - 24th. **Pray, pray, pray!** If all goes well we will have a day of prayer on November 23rd at Eastside, hours 9-12 AM. Please keep these dates in mind. Mark your calendars.

Thank You,

Jackie Peters
District Coordinator

**Items needed are listed on a sheet you can pick up at the registration table.*

STATISTICAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1, 1995 to AUGUST 31, 1996

CHURCHES	Members Added	Number of Baptisms	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons
Antioch					20	12					1	2
Corinth	10	7	2		131	45	30	10			2	4
Cowarts Creek			4	1	60	26					1	
Eastside	10	4	12	9	347	147	80			1	3	7
First, Dothan	13	3	6	2	428	168		30			1	5
First, Enterprise	4	2	5	2	61	23		8			2	2
First, Samson	1		1	1	42	24	11				1	1
Goodwater	3	10	2	1	132	118		25			1	
Harvest	5	2	7	2	134	115		20			1	2
Howard Grove	2	2	3	6	321	83	43				1	4
Magnolia	3	3		3	77	33		15			1	4
New Hope	3	1	3		84	49	38	11	8		1	3
Panther Creek	6		3	3	104	20					1	
Pine Hills	1		2		38	15					1	1
Pleasant Ridge											1	
Shiloh	1			1	57	17		8			1	3
Springfield			2	2	147	15	7				1	3
Spring Hill			2		55	9					1	2
Union Hill			5	2	126	49	30	12			1	4
Union Springs	3		2		135	30	20			1	1	1
TOTALS	65	34	61	35	2499	998	259	139	8	2	24	48

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 by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to “grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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, or 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 principles 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.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II - Composition

This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches, conveniently located as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

Article III - Representation

SECTION I: (Standing Delegates) All elected officers, Board members, licensed ministers, ordained ministers, and ordained deacons who are members of a member church shall be standing delegates.

SECTION II: (Elected Delegates) Each church shall be entitled one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members and one (1) delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five (25) members, it shall be entitled to two (2) delegates.

SECTION III: (Certification) No one will be seated as an elected delegate unless they are certified as such on their church letter.

Article IV - Admission

SECTION I: (Churches) Newly constituted or other churches maintaining gospel order, and preaching, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, as are contained in the NATIONAL TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, C. T. S., missions, and education, desiring admission into this union shall petition with delegates and letter at any session, and if, upon examination, are found to be orthodox and orderly, after not less than three (3) months under the watch-care of the Association, shall be received into the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the right hand of Christian fellowship given by the chair.

SECTION II: (Ministers) Admission of ministers shall be subject to a recommendation of the Ordaining Council and approval of the Association.

Article V - Discipline

SECTION I: (Duties) Any church who shall fail to attend three successive sessions and whosoever shall be generally remiss, and whosoever shall fail to conform to the practices and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and whosoever shall fail to comply with the rules, regulations, and decisions of this Association shall be subject to discipline and exclusion.

SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator) The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

SECTION III: (Power) This Association shall have no authority and/or power in the internal affairs of any church in this Association, nor shall they have any power over the property of any church.

Article VI - General Officers

SECTION I: (Officers) The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and who shall be a member of a member church.

SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator) The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

SECTION III: (Duties of the Assistant Moderator) The Assistant Moderator shall assist the Moderator and act as Moderator in the Moderator's absence.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the Clerk) The clerk shall record and preserve the proceedings of the body when in session and shall record and preserve the proceedings of the General Board. He shall compile and have published the minutes of the Association. All records shall be delivered to his successor in office.

SECTION V: (Duties of the Treasurer) The treasurer shall receive all funds and shall be responsible to give a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him.

Article VII - Boards

SECTION I: (Standing Boards) Standing Boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Home Mission Board, Board of Minister's Retirement, Ordaining Council, Board of Christian Education and the Youth Camp Board.

SECTION II: (Personnel) Standing Boards, exclusive of the General Board and Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, and the third for a term of three years, and so forth. Succession to the office thereafter shall be as order requires.

SECTION III: (General Board) The General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, and one representative from each church. The names of the representatives shall be submitted by each church at the annual session and shall be elected by the body.

SECTION IV: (Duties of the General Board) The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the Association from one regular session to another, to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association, to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department between sessions of the Association, to plan a program of work for the Association, and to handle all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each of the Associational sessions for final approval.

SECTION V: (Executive Committee) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk and five (5) members of the General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association.

SECTION VI: (Duties of Boards) It shall be the duty of the various standing Boards to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for thier government, consistent with the constitution. It shall be the duty of such Board to make a written report at each session of the Association for final approval.

Article VIII - Finance

SECTION I: (Policy) The financial policy of the Association shall be the giving of tithes and offerings. It is suggested that each church pay 10 per cent of its income to the association.

SECTION II: (Offerings) A free will offering shall be received at each session.

SECTION III: (Disbursements) All disbursements shall be made by check and all checks shall be signed by the moderator and the treasurer.

SECTION IV: (Budget) Each standing Board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each Associational year and present same for approval of the Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

SECTION V: (Unified Treasury) funds of all departments shall be handled by the treasurer of the Association. Designated and Co-Operative funds cannot be transferred from one account to another.

Article IX - Meeting

SECTION I: The Association shall convene quarterly. The first and second quarterly sessions shall convene on Saturday before the second Sunday in January and April. The third quarterly session shall convene on the last Saturday in June. The fourth meeting shall be the annual session and shall convene for one day, which shall be on Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Article X - Alteration

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of members present provided proposed amendment or alteration has been presented in writing at the previous session.

BY-LAWS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the NATIONAL TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order.
4. The associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.
5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the annual session.
6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.

7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once a year.

8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be over-ruled.

9. It shall be the duty of the moderation to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

10. No member shall absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without special permission from the moderator.

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.

13. Ministers pastoring in the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists must be in good standing with a local Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. A minister pastoring in the State Line Association and his wife if married must not have two living wives or husbands. Any church in the State Line Association that calls a pastor not meeting the above qualifications will automatically be out of fellowship with the State Line Association. (Anyone who has been divorced and remarried is considered as having two living wives or husbands.)

14. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION By-Laws of the Presbytery

MINISTERS

1. Admission and Standing

(A) Candidates for licensing and Ordination

1. An individual shall first unite with a church that is a member of the Association.

2. This church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for licensing and ordination of its candidate.

(B) Ordained and licensed ministers coming from other Associations.

1. He must unite with a church in the State Line Association.

2. His church must petition for his membership in the Associa-

tion through the Ordaining Council of the Association. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

3. Any church who calls a pastor who does not wish to unite with the Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

(C) Ministers coming from other denominations.

1. He must first unite with a church in the State Line Association.

2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association.

II. Qualifications.

(A) Licensed

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.

2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or candidates wife must not have more than one living husband.

3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must abstain from the use of any alcohol beverages and, or the use of tobacco.

(B) Ordination

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.

2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or candidates wife must not have more than one living husband.

3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must abstain from the use of any alcohol beverages and, or the use of tobacco.

5. He must hold license for not less than one year before applying for ordination.

6. He must be called to a Christian work or presently enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College and completed at least one year before applying for ordination.

(C) Ministers Making Application From Other Association:

1. Must present license or ordination certificate to Ordaining Council for ratification by Council.

2. He must present a letter of recommendation from Association from which he comes or from his licensing body which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist, provided he was licensed or ordained by this licensing body.

(D) Ministers Making Applications From Other Denominations:

(a) Licensed

1. Must surrender license from denomination of which he was previously a member.
2. Must hold FWB license for one year before ordination.
3. He must answer questions prepared by Ordaining Council.

(b) Ordained

1. Must have ordination papers ratified by Ordaining Council.
2. Must answer questions prepared by Ordaining Council for ordination.
3. He will not be re-ordained, but upon approval of the Ordaining, he will be granted a FWB Ordination Certificate.

DEACONS

MSC that the local church be allowed to examine and ordain its deacons if it so chooses or send them to the Association if they desire.

I. Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination:

1. He must be a member of a church in the State Line Association.
2. He must have been elected by his church to the office of deacon.
3. The church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for ordination of its candidate.

II. Qualifications

1. He must be of sound character.
2. He must be the husband of one wife and candidates wife must be the wife of one husband.
3. He must believe and practice FWB doctrine.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Association was organized at Howard Grove Church on November 10, 1886.

Year	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Churches	Mem.
1886	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove		449
1887	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Beulah		557
1888	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Macedonia		403
1889	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Friendship		516
1890	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Lovewood		448
1891	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Prospect		339
1892	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Silver Run		444
1893	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Hickory Grove		456
1894	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,	Springhill		422
1895	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek		503
1896	Calvin Dykes,	J. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove		568
1897	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, New Hope		653
1898	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Rocky Grove		633
1899	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Prospect		671
1900	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Free Will Rest		803
1901	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Antioch		916
1902	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Union Springs		947
1903	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Hickory Grove		786
1904	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Howard Grove		786
1905	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, New Pilgrim		745
1906	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	G. L. Love, Springfield		958
1907	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Rocky Grove		1099
1908	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Pleasant Home		1199
1909	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Free Will Rest		1315
1910	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Silver Run		1365
1911	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, New Life		1442
1912	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Pittman Creek		1447
1913	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. L. Hunter, Spring Hill		1462
1914	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green, Union Springs		1553
1915	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green, Hickory Grove		1721
1916	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	H. G. Green, Rocky Grove		1611
1917	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Long Branch		1715
1918	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	W. H. Hayes, Magnolia		1456
1919	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, New Hope		1656
1920	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Prospect		1804
1921	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Howard Grove		2004
1922	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Pleasant Home		2043
1923	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, N. Harmony		2039
1924	J. C. Howell,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Corinth		2094
1925	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Magnolia		2042
1926	G. W. Cherry,	C. B. Green,	R. B. Robinson, Springfield		2392
1927	J. J. Burdeshaw,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Hickory Gr.		2344
1928	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	R. B. Robinson, Prospect		2229

1929—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Rocky Grove	2875
1930—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Union Springs	2450
1931—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Howard Grove	2323
1932—J.W.D. Stephens, C.B. Green, R.B. Robinson, Free Will Rest	2374
1933—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Springhill	2360
1934—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Shiloh	2539
1935—W.S. Cook, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Pleasant Home	2495
1936—A.H. Godfrey, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, New Harmony	2479
1937—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, A.J. Granger, Corinth	2447
1938—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Prospect	2536
1939—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Hickory Grove	2619
1941—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Rocky Grove	2853
1942—J.C. Howell, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pleasant Home	2672
1943—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Pittman Creek	2727
1944—G.W. Nobles, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Howards Grove	2788
1945—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Union Springs	2717
1946—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Cedar Grove	2756
1947—G.G. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Springfield	2756
1948—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Springhill	2743
1949—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, New Harmony	2760
1950—G.H. Jordan, C.B. Green, J.W.D. Stephens, Prospect and Pleasant Ridge	3083
1951—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D.W. Poole, Pleasant Home & Pittman Creek	2761
1952—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, D.W. Poole, Howards Grove & Cowarts Creek	2747
1953—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack Springfield and Union Springs	2663
1954—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack, Corinth and Magnolia	2577
1955—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack Pleasant Ridge and Grangerburg	2527
1956—G.H. Jordan, Mary Edna Cook, A.C. Womack, New Harmony and Springfield	2476
1957—G.H. Jordan, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Shiloh and New Hope	2402
1958—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, First Church, Dothan & Pleasant Home	2415
1959—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Springhill and Union Springs	2493
1960—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, Junior Ward, Howard Grove and Corinth	2540
1961—Ralph Bell, Wayne Love, David Rabon, Union Hill & Cowarts Creek	2919
1962—Ralph Bell, Gerald Baxley, David Rabon, Pittman Creek & Panther Creek	2872

1963—John Edwards, Gerald Baxley, Billy Ammons, First Church, Dothan & Howards Grove	2703
1964—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Billy Ammons, New Harmony & Slocomb	2685
1965—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Betty Bradshaw, Samson and Union Springs	2710
1966—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Corinth, Howard Grove	2287
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1968—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Union Springs	2320
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1970—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Springfield	2421
1971—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Howard Grove, First Church, Dothan	2410
1972—John Pettis, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Corinth, Shiloh	2511
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1976—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Union Hill, Union Springs	3036
1977—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Panther Creek, Springfield	3040
1978—Dean Dobbs, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Spring Hill, First Dothan	3014
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1980—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, Howard Grove, New Hope	2961
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1985—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Antioch, Union Springs	2443
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