

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

LONE STAR - APRIL 13, 1996
AND
BALLARD - OCTOBER 12, 1996

OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Bobby Duncan
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Ben Franklin
Clerk and Treasurer	Bro. Odean Mills
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	Sis. Letha Mills
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Associational Pastor	Bro. Larry Davis

The next session will be held with Mt. Hope (Vina), April 12th and Rocky Grove, October 11th, 1997.

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.

1996 SPRING SESSION

The Ninety-Second Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 13, 1996 at Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church of Tremont, Mississippi.

The session convened with a class song (Heaven's Jubilee) led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Mark Collier. Prayer by Bro. Quineth Haney.

Moderator read scripture from Psalm 133 and called the session to order. The Rules of Decorum were then read.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Ninety-Second Semi-Annual session find all letters in order and we move that delegates from all the churches be seated except Pleasant Hill because a letter was not received.

Bro. Jimmie Lucas

Bro. J.R. Kerr

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, accept the letter from Pleasant Hill.

Bro. Jimmie Lucas, Bro. J.R. Kerr and Bro. Curtis Allen

Bro. Ottis Parmer made comment that Pleasant Hill delegates should be seated along with other delegates. Motion to seat delegates. Seconded. Carries.

Roll call of the delegates by the clerk.

The host pastor, Bro. Gilley Parrish, welcomed everyone to Lone Star Church.

The Moderator welcomed all visiting ministers, Bro. William Atkinson.

Bro. Duncan appointed the Devotion Committee, Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Bro. Wendel Giddy, and Bro. Kenneth Pounders. He then appointed the Appreciation Committee: Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Teresa Allen, and Sis. Virginia Carter.

Special song by Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeannie Sexton and Sis. Amanda Sexton.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, accept the letter from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church but we cannot act on it due to Item #28 until the fall session. Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Jimmie Lucas and Bro. J.R. Kerr

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, recommend that Bro. Bill Duncan be granted a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association, at this session.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Allen Myrick

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the business committee recommend that Item #16 be dropped from the Documents and Order of Business.

Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Ben Franklin and Bro. Mike Franklin

Seconded Carried.

The business committee recommends that the following be added to the church letter to the Association under the listing of ordained ministers in church:

“ Please list any ordained ministers who will not be able to attend the upcoming session and the reason for the absence.”

Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Ben Franklin and Bro. Mike Franklin

Seconded. Carried.

The business committee recommends that the following be added to the listing of the duties for the ordaining council: “It shall be the responsibility of the ordaining council to investigate any minister who is absent for two consecutive sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session.”

Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Ben Franklin and Bro. Mike Franklin

Seconded. Carried.

A short devotion was brought by Bro. Craig McCarley from Isaiah chapter two emphasizing “Jesus Made the Way for Us.”

Bro. Jimmie Lucas spoke about “The Right to Life” and read from Romans 1:16, 30, 31 and handed out leaflets.

Bro. Mark Collier spoke on Psalm 139.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We offer a motion that Pleasant Hill's letter of request to ordain Bro. Mark Collier at the fall session be accepted. And after examination request be made to the body concerning his ordination by the Ordaining Council at the fall session.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer and Bro. Allen Myrick

Dismissed for the break with prayer by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree.

Class song #234 "That Glad Reunion Day" led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Roy Humphres. Prayer by Bro. Mike Franklin.

REPORT OF DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, the Devotion Committee, move that Bro. R.C. Humphres bring the morning devotion, Bro. Donald Kivette bring the morning message.

Bro. Ambers Aldridge, Bro. Kenneth Pounder
and Bro. Wendel G. Giddie

Class song #50 "Walking the Sea" led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Roy Humphres.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge. Currently 33 children call the home at Eldridge their home.

The first cottage has been completed and is now being occupied by twelve boys and house parents. There is a great need for other cottages because the age of the existing building and its much needed costly repairs.

The board voted to go forth with a multipurpose building.

Please remember this and other needs along with the staff and children when you pray. Thanks for your prayers and support.

Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

Bro. Hammontree also expressed his thanks to Bro. Jeff Fleming for his continued support to the Children's Home Building Committee and invited everyone to open house for the new cottage on April 27, 1996.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Spoke from Proverbs 15:1 and 3:5,6. Said he had not yet been to all the churches but hoped to get around.

Devotion by Bro. R.C. Humphres taken from I John 3:1-7 "What Kind of Love is Likened to God's Love?"

A motion by Bro. Quineth Haney to dismiss for the day at the noon hour to be able to fellowship longer with Lone Star Church and with each other.

Seconded. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee want to thank Lone Star Church and their pastor, Bro. Gilley Parrish, for allowing us to hold our Spring Session of our Association here. We thank God for his love and mercy he has shown us. We want to thank Lone Star for the love, fellowship, and hospitality they have shown us. And we thank everyone for the food we will have at lunch. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

The Appreciation Committee

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Virginia Carter and Sis. Teresa Allen

Seconded. Carried.

Testimonial service led by Bro. Billy Rucker followed by alter prayer.

Bro. Ben Franklin introduced Bro. Donald Kivette.

Morning message by Bro. Donald Kivette - Genesis 18:1-15 "Is Anything too Hard for God?"

Invitational song #376 "Just As I Am" led by Bro. Jeff Fleming.

Song "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Quineth Haney and Bro. Larry Davis.

Closing prayer with blessing of food by Bro. Gilley Parrish.

SPRING DELEGATES

ANTIOCH: Jewell Shotts

BALLARD: Bobbie Kerr, Betty Giddie

BARNESVILLE: Cleeta Ward, Girthie Woods, Dewel Allen, Wilma Allen

BETHEL: Jeannie Sexton, Amanda Sexton

FAIRVIEW: Shirley Nichols, Peggy Brown, Teresa Allen

FREEDOM: Connie Cantrell, Delores Holcomb

GOOD SPRINGS: Joan Humphries, Eloise Humphries, Ann Spencer

LONE STAR: James Barrett, Sybil Harrell, Luna Bostick, Arvin Bostick

MT. HOPE, HAMILTON: Rita Cheek, Kevin Cheek, Dalton Holkes

MT. HOPE, VINA: D.W. Franklin

NEW SALEM: Virginia Carter

PLEASANT HILL: Mark Collier, Billy Pierce, Billy Rucker

PLEASANT RIDGE: Clint Cochran, Robert Puckett, L.J. Prestage
PLEASANT SITE: Tanya Robinson, Delores Watson, Willa Jean Mills
ROCKY GROVE: Sandra Burleson, Annette Blaker, Elizabeth Edgar
ROCKY TOP: Kathy Deline
TRINITY: Jessmer Sargent, Ruth May, Helen Goodwin
UNION RIDGE: Beverly Knight, Wynette Knight, Lou Dean Simmons

DEACONS PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Odell Frederick, Billy R. Pitts, Wendell G. Giddie, J.R. Kerr, Curtis Allen, K.W. Pounders, Hershel Emerson, Jimmie Lucas, Bobby Bostick, Billy Rucker, Billy Pierce, Leeman L. Humphres, Bobby Spearman, and Odean Mills.

MINISTER PRESENT AT SPRING SESSION

Larry Gene Davis, Woodrow Matthews, Howard Simmons, Craig McCarley, Ben Franklin, Gilley Parrish, Quineth Haney, Ottis Parmer, Roy Humphres, Doyle Chandler, Edgar Lee Childers, R.C. Humphries, Mike Franklin, J.H. Sullins, Jeff Fleming, Donald Kivette, Dwayne Hammontree, Allen Myrick, Jack Harder, Ray Edgar, David R. Sexton, Ambers Aldridge, Bobby W. Duncan. Visiting - - William Atkinson and E.T. Sargent.

MINISTERS REPORTED BY VOICE OR LETTER

Bro. Louie Nix reported to Bro. Odean Mills
Bro. Jerry Lindsey reported to Bro. Jeff Fleming.

NINETY-SECOND SESSION FALL 1996

The Ninety-Second Session of the Association met on October 12, 1996 at Ballard F.W.B. Church of Detroit, Alabama.

The Session convened with class songs, "The Gloryland Way" and "Gettin' Ready to Leave This World" led by Bros. Jimmy Avery, J.H. Sullins, and Quineth Haney. Prayer by Bro. Gilley Parrish.

This session called to order by Moderator Bro. Bobby Duncan. The Rules of Decorum was read by Bro. Duncan.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee move that delegates from all the churches be seated except Freedom Church because no letter was received.

Bro. Jimmie Lucas, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. J.R. Kerr
Seconded. Carried.

Roll call of the Delegates by the clerk. Seat the delegates of each church. Seconded and carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that we proceed with the ordination of Bro. Mark Collier to preach the gospel at this fall session 1996.

Bro. Bobby Duncan to preach the charge.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Seconded. Carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Recommendation of Ordination to preach the gospel. We recommend that this Association proceed with the ordination of Bro. Craig McCarley at this fall session 1996. Bro. Jeff Fleming to preach the charge.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Seconded. Carried.

Motion by Bro. Ottis Parmer and seconded and carried by Bro. Ray Edgar to dismiss evening service due to a death in this association.

REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S HOME

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

I would like to thank the Association for the privilege to serve as your trustee to the Children's Home at Eldridge. The Home is at capacity and still having to turn children away. Bro. Corey and Staff are doing a great job as usual at the Home.

The Board voted to proceed with the second cottage, which construction hopefully will begin shortly.

Please remember to pray for the building project, Bro. Corey, Staff, and the children. Thank you for your love, support and prayers for the Home.

Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We make a motion that Bro. E.T. Sargent be accepted into this Association in full fellowship on a forthcoming letter from the Vernon Association.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to give recognition to Bro. Jimmie Lucas, for his devoted and outstanding work in "Right to Life" by giving him a Certificate of Appreciation.

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Teresa Allen, Sis. Virginia Carter

Special song by Sis. Virginia Carter

Bro. Mike Franklin welcomed everyone to Ballard Church.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have read the letter from Mt. Hope (Vina) requesting that Bro. Barry Cook be ordained. We recommend that he meet with the ordaining council.

Bro. Jimmie Lucas, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. J.R. Kerr

Seconded. Carried.

Special song by Bro. Ronald Watson and Bro. Don Collier.

PARTIAL REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Bro. Barry Cook be ordained to preach the gospel at the spring session of 1997. Bro. Jack Harder to preach the charge.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Ben Franklin spoke on "Perfection in Heaven" and thanked everyone for omitting the evening service for his grandfather who had just passed away.

The moderator appointed Bro. Louie Nix to fill in for Bro. Allen Myrick, who was not present, and Bro. Gilley Parrish to fill in for Bro. Jack Harder, who was having to leave early, on the ordaining council for the day.

The moderator appointed the following to committees:

Finance Committee: Bro. Roy Humphres, Sis. Annette Blaker, and
Bro. Don Warren

Deceased Members: Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Quineth Haney, and
Bro. Wayne Williams.

Bro. Jack Harder expressed his appreciation for the love and concern that we, the brothers and sisters of the Association, have for one another and thanks for omitting the evening service.

Dismissed for break with prayer by Bro. J.B. Tice.

Two songs led by Bro. Jimmy Avery and Bro. J.H. Sullins. Prayer by Bro. Larry Davis.

Motion was made to replace Assistant Moderator Ben Franklin, who had to leave early, with Bro. Jeff Fleming.
Seconded. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, report a balance in October 12, 1996 of \$1081.44. Printing minutes paid out \$737.12. The total of 1996 minute fund received was \$1725.00. Postage and other printing paid out in the amount of \$3.75 leaving a balance of \$2065.57. We have copy fees outstanding in the amount of \$850.00 to the State Clerk and \$30.00 in printing fees. Total outstanding is \$880.00 bringing a balance to date of \$1185.57.

Sis. Annette Blaker, Bro. Don Warren, Bro. Roy Humphries

Welcomed visiting ministers, Bro. Randall Tice, Bro. Ronald Watson, Bro. J.B. Tice, and Bro. William Atkinson.

Ordaining message for Bro. Craig McCarley by Bro. Jeff Fleming
Ordaining message for Bro. Mark Collier by Bro. Bobby Duncan.
Each was presented with a Bible.

Bro. Craig spoke from II Timothy "Be Prepared"

Bro. Mark spoke from Philippians "Going Forward"

This was followed with the laying on of the hands and prayer led by Bro. David Sexton and then given the right hand of fellowship.

Dismissed for lunch and the blessing of the food prayer by Bro. Doyle Chandler.

Song "Heaven's Jubilee" led by Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Quineth Haney. Prayer by Bro. Louie Nix.

Song "He Will Take Me Through" led by Bro. Sullins and Bro. Haney

Devotion by Bro. Jay Sullins. Psalms 37:1-8.

Special song by the Sextons "Satisfied with Jesus"

Bro. Roy Humphries brought the deceased members message using II Corinthians 5: 1-21.

List of Deceased Members:

ANTIOCH: Bro. Wise Holcomb

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Alfred Jones, Bro. Forbus Cooper

BETHEL: Bro. Raymond Nipper

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Marvin Winsett, Sis. Pearl Shotts

MT. HOPE (Vina): Sis. Sandra Shotts

NEW SALEM: Bro. Douglas Walton, Bro. Wuston McMickins

PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Bertie Avery, Sis. Inez Crow

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Ercell Thompson, Sis. Ruth Woodham.

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 work on building attendance in our Sunday School programs.

In an effort to build Sunday School attendance, we challenge each Church to participate in a Sunday School Promotion Campaign. We have set aside Sunday, November 17, 1996, and Sunday, February 23, 1997, as Promotional Days. We would like to ask the pastor or clerk of each church to contact Bro. Connie Cantrell or Sis. Charlotte Hammontree with your Sunday School attendance on these dates. We will be sending a letter of reminder along with phone numbers to report to. We will then report back to the Association at the Spring Session.

In Brotherly Love,

Sis. Charlotte Hammontree, Bro. Connie Cantrell, Sis. Eloise Humphres

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, want to thank God first for all his many blessings and thank Ballard Church and Bro. Mike Franklin for inviting us to have our Association meeting with them. We want to thank the ladies and everyone that helped for the wonderful lunch and hospitality shown us.

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Teresa Allen, Sis. Virginia Carter

A plaque of appreciation was then presented to Ballard church.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that Bro. Bob Howell's letter requesting to be removed from the roll of ministers in this Association be accepted and his name and membership be dropped. We request that his letter to the Association be read before the body before a vote.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Ottis Parmer

Bro. Bob Howell's letter was read. Motion seconded and carried.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Sis. Sue Collier be granted a card of good standing with our greatfulness for her support.

Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Louie Nix

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

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

Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Louie Nix
Seconded. Carried.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Associational Pastor. I've visited all of the churches except two. I would like to say thank you again for your warm welcome, prayers, fellowship and gifts. I have received \$905.00 in financial support.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bro. Larry Gene Davis

FINAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that all ministers on the roll call with the exception of those deleted or dropped receive a card of good standing.

Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Louie Nix

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS

Moderator: Bro. Jeff Fleming

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Ben Franklin

Clerk: Bro. Jimmy Avery

Assistant Clerk: Sis. Faye Avery

Associational Pastor: Bro. Larry Gene Davis

Trustee to Children's Home: Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

Credentials Committee: Bro. Dewey Crow

Business Committee: Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. David Sexton

Sunday School Committee: Bro. Clint Cochran

Ordaining Council Bro. Gillie Parrish

The next sessions will be held with Mt. Hope (Vina) Church in April, 1997 and Rocky Grove Church in October, 1997.

Seconded. Carried.

The ministers cards of good standing were passed out.

Closing song "Amazing Grace" was led by Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Ray Edgar, and Bro. Roy Humphries.

MINISTERS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

Bros. Edgar Lee Childers, Mike Franklin, Woodrow Matthews, David Sexton, Dwayne Hammontree, Ambers Aldridge, Ottis Parmer, Gillie Parrish, Roy Humphries, Jack Harder, Ben Franklin, Bobby W. Duncan, Ray Edgar, Quineth Haney, E.T. Sargent, Louie Nix, Larry Gene Davis, Jeff Fleming, Doyle Chandler, Donald Kivette, Howard Simmons, R.C. Humphres, J.H. Sullins, Craig McCarley, Mark Collier.

DEACONS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION

Bros. J.R. Kerr, Wendell G. Giddie, Jimmie Lucas, Billy Rucker, Odean Mills, Bobby Bostick, Curtis Allen, Wayne Williams, Jimmy R. Avery.

FALL SESSION 1996 - DELEGATE LIST

ANITOC: Sis. Jewell Shotts, Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Lucille Childers,
Alt. Bro. Kenny Avery

BALLARD: Bro. Dick Gilliland, Bro. Joey Sanderson, Bro. Steve Harper,
Alt. Sis. Donita Shotts

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Steve Cox, Sis. Jill Cox, Sis. Joyce Jones,
Alt. Bro. Max Roberts

BETHEL: Sis. Frances Eddy, Sis. Kier Vickery, Sis. Jeanie Sexton

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

FREEDOM: None

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

LONE STAR: Bro. Charles, Sis. Eloise Pitts, Sis. Norma Bostick

MT. HOPE (Hamilton): Sis. Pat Watts, Sis. Ivie Collier, Bro. Arvin Puckett,
Alt. Betty Puckett

MT. HOPE (Vina): Sis. Pam Humphres, Sis. Betty Franklin, Bro. Roland
Shotts

NEW SALEM: Sis. Ethlene Brown, Sis. Virginia Carter,
Alt. Sis. Jackie Lucas

PLEASANT HILL: Sis. Marcia Williams, Bro. Tim Williams, Sis. Sherry
Tice

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Don Warren, Bro. Thomas Warren, Bro. Clint
Cochran, Alt. Bro. Jr. Carter

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Tanya Robinson, Sis. Delores Watson,
Sis. Willa Jean Mills, Alt. Sis. Debra Watson

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Sandra
Burleson, Alt. Georgia Galbreath

ROCKY TOP: Bro. Danny Roberts, Sis. Kathy Deline, Sis. Ernestine

Frederick, Alt. Sis. Loventrice Haney
TRINITY: Sis. Charlotte Wright, Sis. Lydia Miller, Bro. Bobby Miller,
 Alt, Sis. Jessmer Sargent, Alt. Jean Wright, Alt. Sis. Helen Goodwin
 Alt, Sis. Ruth May
UNION RIDGE: Sis. Wynette Knight, Sis. Beverly Knight, Sis. Lou Dean
 Simmons, Alt. Bro. Fred Rushing

MINUTE FUND CHECKS

ANTIOCH	\$ 80.00
BALLARD	100.00
BARNESVILLE	175.00
BETHEL	150.00
FAIRVIEW	150.00
FREEDOM	10.00
GOOD SPRINGS	50.00
LONE STAR	45.00
MT. HOPE A	125.00
MT. HOPE B	200.00
NEW SALEM	30.00
PLEASANT HILL	75.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	200.00
PLEASANT SITE	100.00
ROCKY GROVE	75.00
ROCKY TOP.....	35.00
TRINITY	50.00
UNION RIDGE	75.00
TOTAL	\$1725.00

TREASURY

Balance on hand October, 1995	\$1,938.44
First National Bank (copies)	7.00
State Association ('95 Dues)	850.00
Star Printing ('95 Minutes)	737.12
Star Printing (Copies)	3.75
'96 Minute Fund from churches	1,725.00
Balance on October 12, 1996	2,065.57
State Association ('96 dues paid 10/26/96)	900.00
Star Printing (copies paid 11/8/96)	30.00
Balance on hand November 8, 1996	\$1,135.57

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Rt. 1, Box 675, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9121	1968
Rev. Doyle Chandler, 371 Burnt House Rd., Hamilton, 35570, 921-5532 .	1994
Rev. Edgar Lee Childers, 12350 Hwy. 19, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2734 . . .	1971
Rev. Mark Collier, 3247 Military St. N., Hamilton 35570, 921-3245	1996
Rev. Larry Davis, 2401 Co. Rd. 89, Vina, AL 35593, 356-4992	1978
Rev. Bobby Duncan, 515 Rideout Falls Rd., Hamilton, 35570, 921-4985 .	1974
Rev. Ray Edgar, 177 Wade Rd., Phil Campbell, AL 35581, 993-5578 . . .	1976
Rev. Jeff Fleming, 1123 Regency Place, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7969 .	1985
Rev. Ben Franklin, 781 Pap Franklin Rd., Vina, AL 35593, 356-4370	1993
Rev. Mike Franklin, 1491 State Hwy. 187, Hamilton, AL, 935-3335	1984
Rev. Dwayne Hammontree, 9110 Co. Hwy. 42, Guin, AL 35563, 468-3178	1991
Rev. Quineth Haney, 885 Co. Hwy. 88, Guin, AL 35563, 468-8010	1976
Rev. Jack Harder, P.O. Box 462, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3711	1970
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. Donald Kivette, 870 Hwy. 74, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2657	1981
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, 403 3rd St., N., Guin, AL 35563, 468-3264 . . .	1941
Rev. Craig McCarley, 815 Co. Rd. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4166 . . .	1996
Rev. Allen Myrick, Rt. 5, Box 46A, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4380	1983
Rev. Louie Nix, 5355 Co. Hwy. 11, 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. E.T. Sargent, 324 Tuscaloosa Ave., Berry, AL 35546, 689-4644	1969
Rev. David Sexton, Rt. 1, Box 268, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9289	1975
Rev. Howard Simmons, 171 Co. Hwy. 22, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3461 . .	1962
Rev. J.H. Sullins, 706 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2851	1972

CHURCH CLERKS

ANTIOCH: Sis. Pam Avery

P.O. Box 201, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4159

BALLARD: Sis. Shelba Gilliland

1464 Co. Hwy. 23, Detroit, Alabama 35552, 273-4333

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Jay Nell Nixon

1689 Sentry Road, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3217

BETHEL: Sis. Gracie Franks

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

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Lori Ballard

3191 Co. Hwy. 122, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7609

FREEDOM:

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Gail Parrish

P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582, 356-7220
 LONE STAR: Sis. Norma Bostick
 5270 Hwy. 363, Mantachie, MS 38855, 601-282-7220
 MT. HOPE (H): Sis. Pat Watts
 28714 U.S. Hwy. 43 N., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4388
 MT. HOPE (V): Sis. Anna Kay Holland
 76 John Tyler St., Russellville, AL 35653, 331-7462
 NEW SALEM: Sis. Virginia Carter
 1074 Gas Plant Rd., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4977
 PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Linda Crow
 4001 Co. Hwy. 29, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3730
 PLEASANT HILL: Bro. Billy Rucker
 Rt. 2, Box 216, Hackleburg, AL 35564, 935-3739
 PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Evelyn Mills
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 ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Betty Shotts
 1555 Co. Hwy. 81, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2043
 ROCKY TOP: Sis. Brenda Roberts
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DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. William Williams, Bro. Bernice Shotts
 BALLARD: Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Wendell Giddy
 BARNESVILLE: Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Excel Brown
 Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Freeman Nixon, Bro. Hershel Emerson
 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
 PLEASANT HILL: Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Billy Pierce
 PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor, Bro. Dewey Crow,
 Bro. Jimmy Avery

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	PAID PASTORS	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
ANTIOCH	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	43	0	0	1	5,200.00		\$80,000	1999.76	80.00	761.00			2139.67	1	3	1	15			Bro. R.B. Barnes
BALLARD	Bro. Mike Franklin	87	5	7	0	8,795.00	300.00	\$80,000	982.81	100.00	200.00	711.37		502.14	1	2	5	35		✓	Bro. Joey Sanderson
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Woodrow Matthews	164	1	1	2	13,550.00	550.00	\$100,000	9,672.17	175.00	550.00	2,044.41	2,146.00	7,218.64	1	6	6	46		✓	Bro. Hershel Emerson
BETHEL	Bro. David Sexton	39	2	1	1	7,800.00	4350.00	\$150,000	15809.67	150.00	600.00	1,349.91	150.00	458.43	1	4	8	30	✓	✓	Bro. Wendell Jan Franks
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree	143	3	2	2	12,600.00	2050.00	\$175,000	6,033.65	150.00	595.00	1,314.34	400.00	5,649.53	2	5	6	50		✓	Bro. Terry Lundy
FREEDOM	Bro. Ambers Aldridge	49	1	0	0	3,900.00	200.00	\$32,000	3923.46	10.00	400.00		600.00	1023.21	2	0	1	18			Bro. Connie Cantrell
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Ottis Farmer	40	0	0	0	3,930.00	255.00	\$65,000	11556.52	50.00	232.00	292.08	100.00	1,846.00	2	4	3	18		✓	Bro. Terry Humphries
LONE STAR	Bro. Gilley Parrish	60	5	1	0	9,254.00	450.00	\$100,000	3823.75	45.00	200.00	320.98		2,047.28	1	4	3	38			Bro. Bobby Bostick
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Roy Humphries	178	4	6	0	13,804.91	1000.00	\$120,000	736.07	125.00	1213.43	993.00		3,125.62	2	2	5	39		✓	Bro. Arvin Puckett
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	68	0	0	1	8,981.47	950.00	\$180,000		200.00	350.00	1,378.87		8,723.16	2	0	7	75		✓	Bro. Odis Mitchell
NEW SALEM	Bro. Ben Franklin	16	2	0	2	2,550.00	50.00		129.74	30.00	340.00			620.32	2	1	2	16			Bro. Jimmy Lucas
PLEASANT HILL	Bro. J.B. Tice	60	11	0	0	7,800.00	850.00	\$125,000	19300.00	75.00		250.00			3	2	3	50			Bro. Randy Wooten
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	165	3	1	2	18,200.00	700.00	\$150,000	845.66	200.00	693.47	3,061.71		39,772.36	2	3	8	100		✓	Bro. Harry Williams
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. William Atkinson	57	0	2	0	3,375.00	1150.00	\$60,000	10705.89	100.00	350.00	673.20		1,937.25	0	2	2	24			Bro. Rodney Watson
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	41	3	0	0	7,200.00	650.00	\$100,000	25997.33	75.00	64.37	567.02		3,566.22	2	3	4	45		✓	Bro. Talmadge Shotts
ROCKY TOP	Bro. Quineth Haney	25	2	2	0	2,857.30	150.00	\$120,000	43.00	35.00	100.00	187.55		2,459.84	2	2	2	15			Bro. Odell Fredrick
TRINITY	Bro. E.T. Sargent	40	10	3	0	3,900.00	600.00	\$80,000	100.00	50.00	480.00	300.00		3,023.00	1	0	4	24		✓	Sis. Jean Wright
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	69	0	0	2	11,346.00	1010.00	\$25,000	710.63	75.00	800.00	921.65	634.00	1,453.27	1	1	7	30		✓	Bro. Johnny Hulsey

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, Bro. Odell Frederick
TRINITY:
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

STANDING COMMITTEES

CLERK: Bro. Jimmy R. Avery, 2622 Hwy. 103, Hamilton, AL 35570

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. J.R. Kerr
Bro. Dewey Crow

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Allen Myrick,
Bro. Gillie Parrish

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Ben Franklin
Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. David Sexton

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Sis. Eloise Humphres, Bro. Connie
Cantrell, Bro. Clint Cochran

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: (Deleted Spring 1996)

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

ITEM 22: 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.
- (12) It shall be the responsibility of the ordaining council to investigate any minister who is absent for two consecutive sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session.

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