

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**NINETY-FOURTH**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF**  
**STATE LINE**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA**

**HELD WITH:**  
**BARNESVILLE - APRIL 11, 1998**  
**AND**  
**PLEASANT RIDGE - OCTOBER 10, 1998**

**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Bro. Bobby W. Duncan
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Clerk and Treasurer .....	Bro. Jimmy R. Avery
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer .....	Sis. Faye Avery
Trustee to Children's Home .....	Bro. Ben Franklin
Associational Pastor .....	Bro. Larry G. Davis

The next session will be held with Mt. Hope (H) on April 10, 1999 and Bethel on October 9, 1999.

## **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 Mississippi and Alabama.
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 Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by rules of the same.

## **1998 SPRING SESSION**

The Ninety-Fourth Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 11, 1998 at Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church, Hamilton, Alabama.

The session opened with a class song by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers and Bro. Doyle Chandler. Prayer by Bro. Clint Cochran. Class song by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. E.T. Sargent.

Rules of Decorum read by Moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Roll call by Clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We, the Credentials Committee find all letters in order and we move that delegates from all the churches be seated.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. J.R. Kerr

Bro. Dewey Crow

Seconded. Carried.

### **OCTOBER 23, 1997**

A meeting was called by Bro. Woodrow Matthews to prepare for the following year of 1998 Associational sessions.

Opening prayer: Bro. Bobby Duncan. Welcome: Bro. Woodrow Matthews. Topics in discussion were: Ordaining Council job description; Making extra efforts to have all business complete and ready prior to each session; Membership from Independent Associations; Financial support from churches to the Association & Associational Churches Fellowship.

Closing prayer: Bro. J.H. Sullins. Attendance - 10: Bro. Hershal Emerson, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bri. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Jimmy Avery

### **APRIL 9, 1998**

Business Meeting held at Pleasant Ridge FWBC Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the 94th Spring Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. United prayer led by Sis. Faye Avery.

All standing committees concerned met and all business to come before this associational session was discussed with motions made by the appropriate committee to bring before the association. This all done in order and with brotherly love.

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Edgar L. Childers.

Attendance: Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Barry Cook,

Bro. Edgar L. Childers, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. J.R. Kerr,  
Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Jimmy  
Avery, Sis. Faye Avery

Welcome to Barnesville Church by Bro. Hershel Emerson

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Credentials Committee move that Bro. Michael J. Frederick go  
before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. J.R. Kerr

Bro. Dewey Crow

Second. Carried.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Credentials Committee move that Bro. Jerry Taylor go before  
the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. J.R. Kerr

Bro. Dewey Crow

Second. Carried.

Ordaining Council dismissed to meet with two candidates for member-  
ship.

## **APPOINTMENT OF DEVOTION AND APPRECIATION COMMITTEES**

**DEVOTION COMMITTEE:** Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Odean Mills, Bro.  
James O. Childers

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:** Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Martha Roberts,  
Sis. Carolyn Byrd

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We make a motion that Item #3 be added tot he duties of the Ordaining  
Council to read as follows:

(13) It shall be the responsibility of the Ordaining Council to recommend  
the granting of a letter to another FWB Association of Churches.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Barry Cook,

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Jimmy Avery

Second. Carried.

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Business Committee make a motion that we adopt the following form as a standing form for granting letters from this Association to another Association, and that the Associational Seal be placed when granted.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers  
Bro. Bobby W. Duncan and Bro. Jimmy Avery

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Association.

In response to your request for a letter for Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from the Mississippi-Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, we grant him a letter of good standing and full fellowship from our Association, done this day of

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

In Christ;

Ordaining Council:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Second. Carried.

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Business Committee move that #2 in the duties of the Devotion Committee delete the duties of selecting a minister for deceased members message as it is in conflict with the duties of the deceased members committee.

Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers  
Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Jimmy Avery

Second. Carried.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Sunday School Committee would like to report that the majority of our churches in our Association are having Sunday School. In order to promote more interest in our Sunday Schools the members should take a more active part. Also, the Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents should stress the importance of their attendance.

In Brotherly Love,

Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Billy Rucker

Motion. Second. Carried.

Special Songs: Sis. Amanda Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton & Bro. David Sexton - "We Shall Rise Above It All"; "I'll Tell It Wherever I Go"

Special Song - Sis. Martha Roberts - "Here Today and Gone Tomorrow"

Class song by all Deacons present: Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Curtis Allen and Bro. Jimmy Avery

**DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE DISMISSED**  
**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE DISMISSED.**

Prayer: Bro. Otis Parmer

**BREAK**

Cards signed by congregational body for Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Quineth Haney and Bro. Clay Shotts. Bro. Hershel Emerson to send to each.

Class Song by: Bro. Jimmy Avery

Prayer: Bro. Hershel Emerson

## **DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Devotional Committee move that Bro. Larry Davis bring the devotion and Bro. Ray Edgar bring the morning message today.

Bro. E.T. Sargent

Bro. James O. Childers

Bro. Odean Mills

Second. Carried.

## **HOLLY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Hodges, Alabama**

**January 15, 1998**

State Line F.W.B. Association of Mississippi - Alabama:

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We of Holly Springs Church do hereby send this letter of recommendation that Bro. Michael J. Frederick be received into the State Line Association done upon receiving a forthcoming letter from the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Moderator: Michael Frederick

Clerk: Jimmie L. Nichols

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. Michael Frederick be received into the Association upon a forthcoming letter from the Jasper Association.

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. J.H. Sullins

Bro. Ray Edgar

Second. Carried. Request Sent.

## **HOLLY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Hodges, Alabama**

**January 15, 1998**

State Line F.W.B. Association of Mississippi - Alabama.

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We of Holly Springs Church do hereby send this letter of recommendation that Bro. Jerry Taylor be Ordained to preach the gospel. This being done in conference on January 11, 1998.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Moderator: Michael Frederick

Clerk: Jimmie L. Nichols

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council, after referral from the Credentials Committee concerning request of Ordination of Bro. Jerry Taylor, do hereby make a motion that he be ordained at this the 94th Session of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association.

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. Ray Edgar

Second. Carried.



Motion made that Bro. Gillie Parrish for Bro. Michael Frederick to preach the Ordination Service.

Second. Carried.

January 5, 1998

State Line Association of F.W.B. - AL

We the Northeast District Association of F.W.B. would like a letter of good standing for Rev. Ambers Aldridge.

In Christ,

Bro. T.J. Armstrong (Clerk)

Second. Carried.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Ambers Aldridge be given a letter of good standing to the Northeast District Association.

Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Ray Edgar

Second. Carried.

232-20th Street N.W.

Fayette, AL 35555

October 20, 1997

Mr. Jimmy R. Avery

Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association

2622 Co. Hwy. #103

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Re: Rev. Donald Kivette & Rev. Mark Collier

Dear Sir:

The two above named preachers are now pastoring in the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptist. Rev. Donald Kivette pastoring Mt. Pleasant FWB Church and Rev. Mark Collier, Pastoring Love Joy FWB Church. Both of these men have joined the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association pending a letter of good standing from your association. Will you please send me a letter to the above address on these two brethren at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Raphael H. Yerby, Clerk - Vernon Association

Second. Carried.

## **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Donald Kivette be given a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association.

Bro. J.H. Sullins

Bro. Ray Edgar

Second. Carried.

## **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Mark Collier be given a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association.

Bro. J.H. Sullins

Bro. Ray Edgar

Second. Carried.

## **DEACONS ATTENDING SPRING SESSION (15)**

Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Kenneth Pounders, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Billy Paul Nichols, Bro. James O. Childers, Bro. Jimmie Lucas, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Wayne Williams

## **MINISTERS ATTENDING SPRING SESSION (19)**

Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Larry G. Davis, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. David R. Sexton, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Michael Frederick, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Charles Lindley (absent - Report by Bro. Ray Edgar)

## **VISITING MINISTERS**

Bro. Keith Rhudy - Pastor, Rocky Top Free Will Baptist Church - Member of Jasper Association and Free Water Free Will Baptist Church. Trinity Camp Representative and Representative for State Roll Call.

## DELEGATES SPRING SESSION: 1998

**ANTIOCH:** Bro. Kenny Avery, Sis. Pam Avery

**BALLARD:** Bro. Joey Sanderson, Sis. Martha Roberts, Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Alt.

**BARNESVILLE:** Bro. Cecil Norris, Bro. Max Roberts, Bro. Dewey Allen, Bro. Steve Cox, Alt.

**BETHEL:** Sis. Connie Autry, Sis. Francis Eddy, Sis. Jeanie Sexton

**FAIRVIEW:** Sis. Robin Parrish, Sis. Charlotte Brown, Sis. Teresa Allen, Sis. Chanda Brown, Alt.

**GOOD SPRINGS:** Bro. Charles Spencer, Jr., Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Marie Holland, Alt.

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Sis. Bobbie Hastings, Sis. Betty Childers, Bro. John Scott, Bro. Jamie Scott, Alt.

**LONE STAR:** Bro. James Barrett, Sis. Jane Barrett, Sis. Jean Bullock, Sis. Norma Bostick, Alt.

**MT. HOPE, HAMILTON:** Bro. Dalton Holt, Sis. Carol Shotts, Sis. Oma Lee Humphries, Sis. Ivie Collier, Alt.

**MT. HOPE, VINA:** Bro. Roland Shotts, Bro. Melvin Dotson, Sis. Dorothy Jean Emerson

**NEW SALEM:** Sis. Virginia Carter, Bro. Gaydrell Carter, Sis. Exie Lucas, Alt.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Billy Anglin, Sis. Elow Purser, Bro. Thomas Cook, Alt.

**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Robert Puckett, Bro. Mark Cole, Bro. L.J. Prestage, Alt., Bro. Coy Tucker, Alt.

**PLEASANT SITE:** Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Peggy Self, Sis. Evelyn Mills, Bro. Curtis Self, Alt.

**ROCKY GROVE:** Sis. Carolyn Byrd, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Sandra Burleson, Sis. Georgia Burlison, Alt.

**ROCKY TOP:** Bro. Darrell Davis, Sis. Sharon Davis, Sis. Mary L. Parker, Sis. Annie M. Ezekiel, Alt.

**TRINITY:** Bro. Bobby Benson, Sis. Brenda Benson, Sis. Tonie Dodd, Sis. Jessemer Sargent, Alt, Sis. Ruth Trimm, Alt.

**UNION RIDGE:** Sis. Lou Dean Simmons, Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Wynette Knight, Sis. Beverly Knight, Alt.

Special song: Sis. Robin Parrish - "He's Alive"

Bro. Rick Cash requested Roll Call of Churches.

Special Song: Bro. Mark Cole "It's Time To Get Up"

Bro. David Sexton, Assistant Moderator spoke: #1 - Encouraged churches to please help bear expenses of the Association. #2 - Consider hosting the Association, especially for the spring session with omission of provision of lunch, or to encourage churches to go in together with one church hosting the gathering and one or more other churches helping with lunch. #3 - Introduced Bro. Michael Frederick to preach the Ordination Message for Bro. Jerry Taylor. Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-9; I Timothy 3:1-6, 4: 1-2; 6: 2-14. Title: "Fight A Good Fight and Keep The Faith."

Bro. Taylor was presented a Bible by Bro. M. Frederick. United prayer and laying on of hands by all ministers.

Welcomed Visiting Ministers by Bro. David Sexton.  
Bro. Keith Rhudy and Bro. Rick Cash

Piano Special: Sis. Amanda Sexton

AM Devotional: Bro. Larry Gene Davis - Acts 22:28; Hebrews 11  
AM Message: Bro. Ray Edgar - Lamentations 3:39-40; Matthew 22:1

Invitation

Bro. Gilley Parrish - Chairman of Ordaining Council presented Certificate of Ordination to Bro. Jerry Taylor and cards of good standing to Bro. J. Taylor and Bro. Michael Frederick.

### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Appreciation Committee want to thank the Barnesville Church for the love, fellowship and the hospitality they have shown and also for allowing us to hold our spring session here. We thank God for His love and mercy He has shown us. We thank God for Bro. and Sis. Matthews and pray that God will give them a speedy recovery. We would like to thank all the ladies and each one that took part in preparation of the food we will have for lunch. May God bless you all. Yours in Christ. The Appreciation Committee.

Sis. Martha Roberts, Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Carolyn Byrd  
Motion. Second. Carried.

Announcements:

With all business completed by noon, directions given for lunch by Bro. Hershel Emerson. Dismissal prayer and blessing of food - Bro. Ottis Parmer.

## **OCTOBER 8, 1998**

The following members of Standing Committees and officers of the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association meet to prepare for the Fall Session of the 94th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Pleasant Ridge FWB Church.

The meeting was opened by the Moderator, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, with prayer by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Those in attendance were: Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Jimmy R. Avery, Sis. Faye Avery.  
Business Conducted - Prayer - Bro. Barry Cook

## **FALL SESSION OCTOBER 10, 1998**

The Fall Session of the 94th Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association convened at Pleasant Ridge FWB Church at 9:00 a.m.

Opened with class song led by Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. Flura Shotts. Prayer by Bro. Gilley Parrish.

Pastor of church, Bro. Bobby Duncan recognized by the Moderator, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, and congregation welcomed to church.

Roll Call of Delegates done by Clerk, Jimmy R. Avery and seating of delegates from each church with the exception of Mt. Hope (V) and Rocky Top Churches, who were excused to meet with the Credentials Committee. (See Report) Second. Carried.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Credentials Committee of the 94th Semi-Annual Session find all letters in order except Mt. Hope (V) and Rocky Top.

Mt. Hope does not have delegates listed and Rocky Top does not have a moderator listed. We move that all other delegates be seated.

Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Hershel Emerson

Credentials Committee dismissed to meet with delegates from 5 churches. Mt. Hope (V), Holly Springs, Antioch, Rocky Top and Pleasant Site.

Class song by Bro. J.H. Sullins and Bro. Flura Shotts  
Appointing of Committees by the Assistant Moderator Bro. Bobby Duncan.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Minister: Bro. Doyle Chandler  
Deacon: Bro. Wayne Williams  
Delegate: Bro. Patrick Carter

**DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE:**

Sis. Carolyn Byrd, Sis. Carol Shotts, Sis. Wynette Knight

Visiting Ministers recognized and welcomed by the Moderator.

Bro. William Atkins and Bro. Randall Tice from the Jasper Association  
and Bro. Stan Galloway and Bro. Eric Reynolds - no association.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)**

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. Michael Frederick be removed from the roll of ministers due to the absence of any church membership in this Association.

Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Gilley Parrish

Second. Carried.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Sunday School Committee would like to report that all churches in our Association are having Sunday School. We encourage all members to attend Sunday School and encourage Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to stress the importance of attendance.

We the Committee think that Sunday School is a vital part of Christian growth.

In Brotherly Love,  
Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Clint Cochran  
Bro. Billy Rucker

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Credentials Committee make a motion that Rocky Top and Mt. Hope (V) delegates be seated.

Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Dewey Crow

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Business Committee recommend that all Items with the Association read as Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Barry Cook, and Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

Ordaining Council and delegates from Barnesville Church dismissed.  
Committees dismissed to meet, Devotional and Appreciation.



Class song led by Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Jack Harder  
Class song led by Bro. William Atkins  
Special song by Sis. Virginia Carter "We Call It Home"  
Special song by Bro. Don Collier - "The Anchor Holds"  
Piano solo by Bro. Devin Dotson  
Class Song led by Bro. Melvin Dotson and Bro. Jeff Fleming

Ordaining Council met with delegates from Good Springs Church and Bro. Barry Cook.

## **DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Deceased Members Committee have examined the church letters and found 33 brothers and sisters who have left us to be with the Lord. Our prayers are with these families. We recommend that Bro. Howard Simmons bring the deceased message.

Sis. Carolyn Byrd, Sis. Carol Shotts, Sis. Wynette Knight

## **DECEASED MEMBERS**

**ANTIOCH:** Sis. Maudie Barnes

**BALLARD:** Sis. Inez Watts, Bro. J.H. Roberts, Bro. Thomas Stark,  
Sis. Barbara Joan Ballard

**BARNESVILLE:** Bro. Robert Taylor, Bro. Eugene "Tommy" Taylor,  
Sis. Della Nash, Bro. Tommy May

**FAIRVIEW:** Mrs. Eva Triplett, Bro. Sammy Carter, Bro. Ora Lee Hurst  
Sis. Verna Compton, Sis. Lennie Miller

**GOOD SPRINGS:** None

**LONE STAR:** Bro. Tulon Mauldin, Sis. Hortense Pitts

**MT. HOPE (H):** Sis. Ruby Cochran Johnson, Bro. Otis Stephenson

**MT. HOPE (V):** Sis. Girlene F. Stidham

**NEW SALEM:** None

**PLEASANT HILL:** Sis. Lydia Cook

**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Bro. Junior Carter, Sis. Vada Nixon, Sis. Ella Mae  
Clement, Sis. Verna Lou Gilliland

**PLEASANT SITE:** Bro. Price Kennedy, Bro. Archie Satterwhite, Bro.  
Eber Mills, Sis. Ivy Watson

**ROCKY GROVE:** Sis. Lydia Howell, Sis. Letha Frederic

**TRINITY:** None

**UNION RIDGE:** None

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Sis. Hazel McCarley, Sis. Pearl Ledbetter

**BETHEL:** None

Deceased Members message brought by Bro. Howard Simmons.

Prayer by: Bro. Jeff Fleming

AM BREAK

Class Song: Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Bobby Duncan  
Prayer by: Bro. Ben Franklin

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Larry Davis bring the morn-  
ing Devotion and that Bro. Jeff Fleming bring the evening Devotion.  
Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Neal Childers  
Second. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee Report a balance of \$2611.39 on this day of  
October 10, 1998.  
There are "2" amounts not paid out of the general fund, Postage  
\$132.00 and FWB Assoc. Pins \$390.50. Coming to a total of \$422.50 that  
needs to be paid out. This leaves a total of \$2188.89.  
Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Patrick Carter  
Second. Carried.

STATE AND NATIONAL DUES AND MINUTE FUND

Balance on Hand Oct. 11, 1997 .....	\$389.26
Deposit .....	1755.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2144.26</b>
Printing of Minutes .....	780.52
State & National Dues .....	900.00
Stamps, Paper & Printing of Minister Card .....	371.93
Postage for Mailing of Minutes .....	37.54
Deposit (Pleasant Ridge Church) .....	50.00
Deposit (Pleasant Site Church) .....	50.00
 <b>BALANCE of 9/30/98 .....</b>	 <b>434.39</b>
<b>DEPOSIT .....</b>	<b>2,177.00</b>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,611.39</b>
Stamps .....	32.00
Ministers Pins .....	390.50
 <b>BALANCE ON HAND .....</b>	 <b>\$2,188.89</b>

## MINUTE FUND AND NATIONAL DUES 1998

CHURCH .....	PLEDGED	SENT
ANTIOCH .....	60.00	\$ _____
BALLARD .....	100.00	100.00
BARNESVILLE .....	175.00	175.00
FAIRVIEW .....	272.00	272.00
BETHEL .....	250.00	250.00
GOOD SPRINGS .....	80.00	80.00
HOLLY SPRINGS .....	80.00	80.00
LONE STAR .....	100.00	100.00
MT. HOPE (H) .....	125.00	125.00
MT. HOPE (V) .....	200.00	200.00
NEW SALEM .....	50.00	50.00
PLEASANT HILL .....	100.00	100.00
PLEASANT RIDGE .....	250.00	250.00
PLEASANT SITE .....	100.00	100.00
ROCKY GROVE .....	125.00	125.00
ROCKY TOP.....	50.00	_____
TRINITY .....	95.00	95.00
UNION RIDGE .....	75.00	75.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,287.00</b>	<b>\$2,177.00</b>

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee recommend that the Association omit the Saturday Night Fall Session and have Communion and Footwashing Services on the Fall Evening Session.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

Previous report explained - and voted by 100% of the Body.

Second. Carried.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Business Committee move that the Association rescind all rules pertaining to the Saturday night session for this one session for the purpose of having service Saturday evening.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan

Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

Second. Carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1999**

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Neal Childers

**ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Wendell Giddy

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Jimmy R. Avery, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Jeff Fleming

**SPRING SESSION 1999 . . . . . MT. HOPE (H)**  
**FALL SESSION 1999 . . . . . BETHEL**

## **OFFICERS FOR 1999**

Moderator . . . . . Bro. Bobby Duncan  
Assistant Moderator . . . . . Bro. Dwayne Hammontree  
Clerk & Treasurer . . . . . Bro. Jimmy R. Avery  
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer . . . . . Sis. Faye Avery  
Trustee to Children's Home . . . . . Bro. Ben Franklin  
Associational Pastor . . . . . Bro. Larry Davis

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (PARTIAL)**

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that all ministers in good standing of this association receive a card of standing at this session.

Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Second. Carried.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (PARTIAL)**

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

Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. J.H. Sullins

Second. Carried.

## **ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT**

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Associational Pastor this year. It's been a very busy year. Please forgive me for not visiting all of the churches as much as I would have liked. I've filled in for pastors a lot this year, and enjoyed every service I've been in. Thank you for your prayers, fellowship and support to me this past year.

Yours in Christ, Bro. Larry Gene Davis

Motion. Second. Carried.

## **CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE REPORT**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge. As most of you know Bro. Corey has retired from the home due to health problems. Bro. Roger Bennett is acting as Interim Director. Bro. Roger has made himself available as superintendent if the State of Alabama approves him.

There are 18 children now at the home. The Multi-purpose building is up, but still under construction. Special needs are general items such as toiletries; food items such as cake mix, cereal, microwave popcorn; and school supplies.

Please pray for Bro. Bennett, the staff and children. We also ask each church to give your financial support to the Home.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Bro. Dwayne Hammontree

Second. Carried.

Morning Devotional given by Bro. Larry G. Davis. Scripture: Matthew 20:24-27, Romans 12:1-21 and Proverbs 15:1-2.

Class song: "Amazing Grace" led by Bros. William Atkins, Edgar L. Childers, Gilley Parrish, Flura Shotts, Doyle Chandler and J.H. Sullins.

Morning message by Moderator Bro. Woodrow Matthews. Scripture: Acts 3:1-10.

Prayer requests given with special requests for Bro. Quineth Haney.  
Prayer with Blessing of food - Bro. Randall Tice.

### **LUNCH BREAK**

Class song - Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Doyle Chandler

Ordaining Council passed out Cards of Good Standing to those ministers still present with Bro. Roy Humphries to deliver Bro. R.C. Humphries and Bro. Ben Franklin to deliver Bro. Jack Harder and Bro. Mike Franklin. Other cards are to be mailed.

## **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

The Appreciation Committee recommends that Bro. Larry Gene Davis receive a certificate and pin for 20 years of faithful service as a minister.

Sis. Ann Spencer  
Sis. Carolyn Byrd

Second. Carried.

Sis. Ann Spencer presented certificate and pinned 20yrs. pin to Bro. Larry G. Davis.



## **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We the Appreciation Committee want to thank the Pleasant Ridge Church and their pastor, Bro. Bobby Duncan for allowing us to hold our fall session of our Association here. We want to thank Pleasant Ridge for the love, fellowship and hospitality they have shown us. We also want to thank all the ladies and whoever took part in the preparation of the food we had for lunch. May God bless each of you. Yours In Christ, the Appreciation Committee.

Sis. Ann Spencer

Sis. Carolyn Byrd

Second. Carried.

Evening Devotional: Bro. Jeff Fleming, Phillipians 2:5-8.

Message in preparation for footwashing and sacrament by Assistant Moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Prayer for Breaking of Bread - Bro. Billy Rucker; Prayer - Fruit of the Vine - Bro. Wendell Giddy

Deacons serving: Bro. Wendell Giddy, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Present for Sacrament and Footwashing Services - Total - 37. Ministers - 10; Deacons - 7; Other - 20.

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Larry Gene Davis, Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Wendell Giddy, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Sis. Charlotte Hammontree, Sis. Carol Shotts, Bro. Max Roberts, Sis. Betty Giddy, Bro. Robert Cochran, Sis. Gwen Duncan, Sis. Verna Williams, Sis. Eloise Hamrick, Bro. Connie Cantrell, Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Betty Prestage, Bro. L.J. Prestage, Sis. Wynette Knight, Sis. Brenda Benson, Bro. Bobby Benson, Sis. Stephanie Lindley, Bro. Patrick Carter and Sis. Faye Avery.

Delegates to the State Association: None

Announcements:

Pastor's Meeting - 1st Monday Night in November at Rudene - 6:30 p.m.  
Services Completed - Congregation Stood - Sang Hymn in Dismissal



## **FALL DELEGATES 1999**

**ANTIOCH:** Sis. Elowease Winsett, Bro. R.B. Barnes, Sis. Sue Williams, Alt.

**BALLARD:** Bro. Joey Sanderson, Sis. Martha Roberts, Sis. Betty Giddy, Sis. Bobbie Kerr, Alt.

**BARNESVILLE:** Sis. Delores Childers, Bro. Max Roberts, Sis. Nancy McCarley, Bro. Cecil Norris, Alt.

**FAIRVIEW:** Sis. Kelly Hammontree, Bro. Patrick Carter, Bro. James Clinghan, Sis. Tracey Clinghan, Sis. Stephanie Lindley, Alt., Bro. Jason Hammontree, Alt.

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

**LONE STAR:** Bro. Charles Pitts, Sis. Eloise Pitts, Bro. James Barrett, Sis. Jane Barrett

**MT. HOPE (H'ton):** Sis. Carol Shotts, Bro. Dalton Holt, Sis. Ivie Collier, Sis. Rita Cheek, Alt.

**MT. HOPE (Vina):** Bro. Melvin Dotson, Bro. Delvin Dotson

**NEW SALEM:** Bro. Gaydrell Carter, Sis. Virginia Carter

**PLEASANT HILL:** Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Burl Lolley, Bro. Diddle McGuire

**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Don Collier, Bro. Mark Cole, Bro. Robert Cochran, Alt.

**PLEASANT SITE:** Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Peggy Self, Sis. Evelyn Mills, Bro. Curtis Self

**ROCKY GROVE:** Sis. Carolyn Byrd, Sis. Elizabeth Edgar, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Sandra Burleson, Alt.

**ROCKY TOP:** Bro. Ronald Elrod, Sis. Sharon Davis, Bro. Darrell Davis, Sis. Mary Lou Parker, Sis. Jeanie Elrod, Alt, Sis. Stacey Cole, Alt.

**TRINITY:** Sis. Helen Goodwin, Sis. Jessemer Sargent, Sis. Brenda Benson, Sis. Ruth Trimm, Bro. Bobby Miller, Alt., Sis. Lydia Miller, Alt.

**UNION RIDGE:** Sis. Wynette Knight, Sis. Lou Dean Simmons, Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Alt.

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Sis. Betty Childers, Sis. Jimmie Lou Nichols

**BETHEL:** Sis. Leslie Franks, Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Connie Autrey

## **MINISTERS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION**

Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Ottis Parmer, Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. J.H. Sullins, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Larry G. Davis, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. R.C. Humphries, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	PAID PASTORS	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute Fund	Dues Fund	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
ANTIOCH		36	0	0	1	5,100.00	0	\$110,000	\$171.05		138.00			521.83	0	2	1					Bro. R.B. Barnes
BALLARD	Bro. Mike Franklin	83	1	0	4	9,675.00	400.00	\$80,000		100.00		463.67		1239.00	0	2	4					Bro. Mike Shotts
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	167	4	0	4	13,350.00	1100.00	\$150,000	19,679.64	175.00	1147.00	2,015.09	2,081.65	11,150.57	0	6	5	48		✓		Bro. Hershel Emerson
BETHEL	Bro. David Sexton	52	12	1	0	7,800.00	2800.00	\$150,000	3,000.00	250.00	600.00	1500.00	700.00	1500.00	0	4	8	30	✓	✓		Bro. Wendell Jan Franks
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree	147	11	5	5	14,925.00	1650.00	351,267.13	13,870.0	272.00	830.00	1446.95	750.00	4,445.07	0	3	16	60		✓		Bro. Perry Peoples
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Stan Galloway	40	1	0	0	4,080.00	660.00	\$65,000	283.38	80.00	60.00	107.97	0	0	2	4	3	20		✓		Bro. Terry Humphries
HOLLY SPRINGS		30	1	1	2	5,300.00	225.00	144,000	0	80.00	0	453.92	0	1770.51	1	2	1	10				Bro. Jerry Hasting
LONE STAR	Bro. Gilley Parrish	40	0	0	2	9,381.50	675.00	\$100,000	0	100.00	0	1139.00			0	4	4	38		✓		Bro. Charles Pitts
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Randall Tice	193	12	0	2	13,749.10	810.0	\$120,000	0	125.00	1143.30	1034.60	0	4711.79	0	3	4	36		✓		Bro. Bobby Yielding
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	70	0	1	1	12,056.00	550.00	\$200,000	10000.00	200.00	0	1772.22	0	2,524.50	0	0	7	72		✓		Bro. Roland Shotts
NEW SALEM	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	23	0	0	0	2,600.00	350.00		4175.21	50.00	588.75	0	0	2786.35	2	2	2	23				Bro. Jimmy Lucas
PLEASANT HILL	Bro. J.B. Tice	80	11	0	1	10,950.00	800.00	\$125,000	3210.00	100.00	0	102.10	0	0	2	2	4	50				Bro. Diddle McGuire
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	173	14	5	4	18,200.00	1100.00	\$150,000	10,939.23	250.00	817.68	3310.99	110.00	30,135.29	2	3	8	100		✓		Bro. Harry Williams
PLEASANT SITE		53	6	0	4	9,200.00	1085.00	\$120,000	423.79	100.00	400.00	1431.82	0	1090.00	0	1	4	30				
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	53	0	1	0	7,950.00	450.00		0	125.00	100.00	815.56	75.00	2335.19	3	3	4	53		✓		Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts
ROCKY TOP		35	0	0	2	1,765.00	271.41	\$133,000	566.85		100.00	169.13	0	0	0	0	3	35				Bro. Darrell Davis
TRINITY	Bro. E.T. Sargent	38	0	2	0	3,900.00	850.00	\$80,000	1255.00	95.00	480.00	260.00	120.00	5618.28	1	0	2	24		✓		Bro. Bobby Benson
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	68	0	0	0	11,867.75	1023.00	\$50,000	800.49	75.00	1077.90	762.42	877.25	1667.47	2	1	7	30				Bro. Johnny Hulsey

## **DEACONS PRESENT AT FALL SESSION**

Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. James O'Neal Childers, Bro. Billy Paul Nichols, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Wendell G. Giddie, Bro. Lynn Knight, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Leemon Humphries, Bro. Billy W. Williams, Bro. J.R. Kerr, Bro. Wayne Williams and Bro. Jimmy R. Avery

## **CHURCH CLERKS**

**ANTIOCH:** Sis. Pam Avery

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**BALLARD:** Sis. Shelba Gilliland

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**BARNESVILLE:** Sis. Jill Cox

P.O. Box 936, 246 Walnut St., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9140

**BETHEL:** Sis. Gracie Franks

13766 State Highway 129, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-2321

**FAIRVIEW:** Sis. Lori Ballard

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**GOOD SPRINGS:** Sis. Gail Parrish

P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582, 356-2202

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Sis. Jimmie Lou Nichols

145 Nix Rd., Hackleburg, AL 35564, 935-3891

**LONE STAR:** Sis. Norma Bostick

5270 Hwy. 363, Mantachie, MS 38855, 601-282-7220

**MT. HOPE (H):** Sis. Rita Cheek

1430 Hwy. 8, Phil Campbell, AL 35581, 993-4407

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

17200 Hwy. 24, Russellville, AL 35653, 331-7462

**NEW SALEM:** Sis. Virginia Carter

1074 Gas Plant Rd., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4977

**PLEASANT HILL:** Bro. Billy Rucker

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**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Sis. Linda Crow

4001 Co. Hwy. 29, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3730

**PLEASANT SITE:** Sis. Evelyn Mills

5052 State Hwy. 19, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3756

**ROCKY GROVE:** Sis. Betty Shotts

1555 Co. Hwy. 81, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2043

**ROCKY TOP:** Sis. Stacey Cole

4464 Co. Hwy. 32, Hackleburg, AL 35564, 935-3474

**TRINITY:** Sis. Ann Trimm

P.O. Box 381, Winfield, AL 35594, 487-6828

**UNION RIDGE:** Sis. Karen Northington

5223 Hwy. 278, Sulligent, AL 35586, 698-9023

## **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

### **Addresses and Date of Ordination**

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. Barry Cook	
1402 Boardtree Road, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9138 . . . . .	1997
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	
4491 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 . . . . .	1983
Rev. Roy Humphries	
2305 Hwy. 23, Vina, AL 35593, 356-2185 . . . . .	1969
Rev. Charles Lindley	
P.O. Box 1286, Hamilton, AL 35570, 952-9020 . . . . .	1974
Rev. Woodrow Matthews	
403 3rd St., N., Guin, AL 35563, 468-3264 . . . . .	1941
Rev. Craig McCarley	
302 Dogwood Drive, Phil Campbell, AL 35563, 993-5713 . . . . .	1996
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 3691 Co. Rd. 63, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9289	1975
Rev. W.C. Shotts Rt. 4, Box 513, Hamilton, AL 35570	1934
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
Rev. Jerry Taylor 572 Karr Rd., Detroit, AL 35552, 921-7830	1998

## DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. William Williams  
 BALLARD: Bro. Wendell Giddy, Bro. J.R. Kerr  
 BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Freemon  
 Nixon, Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne Williams  
 BETHEL: Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Mack Sexton, Bro. Henry Franks,  
 Bro. Harold Tidwell  
 FAIRVIEW: Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Hugh L. Carter  
 GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Edward Holland, Bro. Leeman Humphries,  
 Bro. Terry Humphries, Bro. Charles E. Spencer, Sr.  
 HOLLY SPRINGS: Bro. James O. Childers, Bro. Jerry Hasting,  
 Bro. Billy Paul Nichols  
 LONE STAR: Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Bill Pitts, Bro. Kenneth  
 Pounders, Bro. Bobby Spearman,  
 MT. HOPE (H): Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Flura Shotts,  
 Bro. Gary Don Yielding  
 MT. HOPE (V): None  
 NEW SALEM: Bro. Jimmy Lucas, Bro. Bernice Shotts  
 PLEASANT HILL: Bro. Billy Pierce, Bro. Billy Rucker  
 PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Dewey Crow,  
 Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor,  
 PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Marshall Watson  
 ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay,  
 Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts  
 ROCKY TOP:  
 TRINITY: None  
 UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

## **RULES FOR THE PREACHERS**

- (1) All ministers wishing to become a member of the association will be required to go before the ordaining council with a written recommendation from the church of which they are a member, also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.
- (2) All preachers shall attend all business meetings unless providentially hindered.
- (3) Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Ordaining Council to the Association, who shall deal with him.
- (4) All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teaching of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.
- (5) All ministers shall be required to support and stand by boards and committees appointed by this association and do their utmost to make them a success.
- (6) No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
- (7) Any minister who draws his letter from the church to which he belongs automatically cancels his credentials until he joins some other church of the same faith and order and he is not allowed to minister any rights that is allowed the minister of the gospel to perform.
- (8) It shall be required that all ordained ministers of the Association shall sign a statement that if they are proven guilty of walking disorderly they shall willingly surrender their Card of Standing and Certificate of Ordination.
- (9) This association will not accept for ordination or membership any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.

## **CHURCH RULES**

- (1) We agree, as members of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, to cooperate in every move for the extension of God's Kingdom 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) **PERSEVERANCE.** 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.

ITEM 36: That all ministers found to be disabled to attend the association continue in full fellowship and receive a card of good standing.

# **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.
  - d. To examine the written responses to the Guideline Questionnaire as adopted by the Association when returned by a candidate for ordination, or for a minister coming in from another association, prior to his examination per the Ordaining Council.
- (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 the Spring and Fall Consecutive Sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session and to include a list of all disabled ministers of the association.

### **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 select a minister to bring the message on deceased members.
- (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, and Saturday Night devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message, and the Assistant moderator shall preach the Saturday Night message with commu-

nion 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.

## **ASSOCIATION PLACED FOR 1999**

Spring: Mt. Hope (Hamilton), April 10, 1999

Fall: Bethel, October 9, 1999

## **OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1999**

Moderator .....	Bro. Bobby W. Duncan
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Clerk & Treasurer .....	Bro. Jimmy R. Avery
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer .....	Sis. Faye Avery
Trustee to Children's Home.....	Bro. Ben Franklin
Associational Pastor .....	Bro. Larry Gene Davis

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## **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