

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

MT. HOPE (H) - APRIL 10, 1999

AND

BETHEL - OCTOBER 9, 1999

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 Barnesville on April 8, 2000 and Fairview on October 14, 2000.

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.

1999 SPRING SESSION

The Spring session of the Ninety-fifth Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 10, 1999 at Mount Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Hamilton, Alabama.

The session opened with a class song led by Bro. Billy Rucker and Bro. Gary Don Yielding. Prayer by Bro. Eric Reynolds.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator, Bro. Bobby W. Duncan.

Roll call of delegates by Bro. Jimmy Avery, Clerk.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, the Credentials Committee make a motion that all delegates be seated.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. Dewey Crow

Bro. James O. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Delegation welcomed to the church by Pastor, Bro. Randall Tice.

Scripture reading by Moderator Bro. Bobby Duncan, I Corinthians 9: 12-22.

Bro. Bobby began with the above scripture reading and then stated, "Last year, the Business Committee and I discussed how we could encourage more churches to host the association, and in that effort to encourage other smaller churches to host the association, I offered our facilities at Pleasant Ridge Church for any church to use and stated, 'We would be more than proud to help you out.' Bro. Billy Rucker if I can use your name, please. (Bro. Rucker stated, "Yes Sir.") you came to me and said your church could not host the association because of a water problem, but would host it after the problem was corrected. I thought that if we at Pleasant Ridge offered our facility to any church who felt they could not accommodate the association for any reason, it would be a help to them and the association, but I understand my name has been used to have said that some of the churches in the association were too small to host the association. If that was the way it was interpreted, I want to apologize for not fully explaining my intentions. My one and only goal is to be about our Father's business and that is what I want to be found doing. I beg you, please, please forgive me if I did not explain myself fully. Now having said that the only way I know to correct the situation is to resign as your moderator and appoint someone to take the assistant Moderators place."

Bro. Ray Edgar made a motion, "I make a motion that we keep Bro. Bobby as our moderator. He has apologized, IF he did offend anyone.

We elected him, now lets keep him.”

Bro. Clint Cochran stated, “Bro. Moderator, this is the first I’ve heard of this, and this is my pastor and he’s been hurt. Bro. Bobby wouldn’t hurt anyone, and I just say if you can’t say something good about someone, then just keep your mouth shut, Yeah, just keep you mouth shut! I second the Brother’s motion.”

Bro. Gilley Parrish stated, “ Brothers & Sisters lets just vote and get on with the business at hand.”

Delegation voted 100% to retain Bro. Bobby Duncan as moderator and Bro. Dwayne Hammontree as assistant.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. DWAYNE HAMMONTREE

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Nancy McCarley, Sis. Candy Brewer, Sis. Betty Shotts.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro.. Flura Shotts.

Class song by Bro. Gary Yielding.

Special songs: “I’ll Be Back” by Sis. Candy Brewer; “He Hung the Moon” by Bro. Donald Collier; “The Blood Is Still There” by Bro. & Sis. E.T. Sargent.; “To Know I’m Home Is All That Matters To Me” by Sis. Martha Roberts.

Dismissal of Appreciation and Devotion Committees.

MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We, the members of Ballard Free Will Baptist Church do hereby send this letter of recommendation that Bro. Lester Isbell be ordained to preach the gospel at the Fall 1999 session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association.

This done in conference, March 21, 1999.

Ballard Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Mike Franklin, Pastor

Sis. Shelba Gilliland, Clerk

April 6, 1999

MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION
Ordaining Council

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend the Saturday, April 10, 1999 session of the Association. Our middle daughter Amanda is being honored by the American Federated Music Clubs at their annual meeting in Tuscaloosa, Saturday. I am obligated to be with her.

Sincerely,
Bro. David Sexton

STATE LINE FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We the Mount Hope Church (H) do hereby send this letter of recommendation that Bro. Randall Tice be received into the State Line Association, done upon receiving a letter from the Jasper Association.

Your Brother and Sisters in Christ
at Mt. Hope (H)
Clerk: Sis. Reta Cheek

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, move that Bro. Randall Tice be received into this association upon receipt of forthcoming letter from the Jasper Free Will Baptist Association.

Bro. Gillie Parrish
Bro. Ray Edgar
Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

Seconded. Carried.

A card of good standing was presented to Bro.. Randall Tice by Bro. Gillie Parrish.

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

AM BREAK: 10:00 - 10:15

Class Song by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. J.H. Sullins

Prayer by Bro. Hershel Emerson

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotional Committee move that Bro. Otis Parmer conduct Devotional Service and Bro. Eric Reynolds bring the morning message.

Bro. Billy Rucker

Bro. Flura Shotts

Bro. Barry Cook

Seconded. Carried.

HOLLY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Hodges, Alabama
January 10, 1999

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

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We of Holly Springs F.W.B. Church do hereby send this letter of recommendation for our Brother Eric Reynolds, to be ordained to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This being done in conference on January 10, 1999.

Yours in Christ

Holly Springs F.W.B. Church

Bro. Barry Cook, Moderator

Sis. Jimmie L. Nichols, Clerk

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee make a motion that Bro. Eric Reynolds go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. James O. Childers

Bro. Dewey Crow

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Bro. Eric Reynolds be ordained at this session and that Bro. Barry Cook preach the Ordination Message.

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. Ray Edgar

Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

Seconded. Carried.

MARCH 22, 1999
Mr. Jimmy R. Avery
2622 Co. Hwy. 103
Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Dear Mr. Avery,

Rev. Michael J. Frederick is now pastoring Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church and has presented himself for membership in this association pending a letter of good standing from the State Line Association.

Would you please forward information to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,
Letus Atkinson, Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. Michael Frederick be given a letter of good standing to the Jasper Association.

Bro. Gilley Parrish
Bro. Ray Edgar
Bro. Edgar Lee Childers

Seconded. Carried.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

April 10, 1999

I appreciate the privilege to have served as your associational pastor for the past 3 1/2 years. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting all of the churches. I've felt at home and very welcome in all of the services. This will be my last report to you as associational pastor at this time due to the fact I'm now pastoring at Pleasant Site Church. I will try to visit you again when I can. I ask you to accept my resignation at this time. May God always bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Larry G. Davis

Seconded. Carried.

Ordination service for Bro. Eric Reynolds. Charge preached by Bro. Barry Cook. Text: Romans 10:13-15, Acts 20:27-28, John 7:16-18, II Timothy 3:16, II Timothy 4:1-5.

Laying on of hands by all ministers and deacons present, with altar prayer. A Bible was presented by Bro. Barry Cook from which the ordination message was brought from. Certificate of Ordination and card of good standing presented by Bro. Gillie Parrish. Fellowship by associa-

tional body.

AM Devotional conducted by Bro. Otis Parmer. Text taken from Proverbs 12:4.

New Ministers introduced by Pastors with phone numbers to be reached at:.

BRO. TODD KEMP, wife Kelly and daughter by Bro. Gillie Parrish, from Lone Star Church. 1-601-652-3881.

BRO. JAMIE JEFFREYS and wife Angie from Barnesville Church, by Bro. Jeff Fleming. 1-205-921-7668.

BRO. ERIC REYNOLDS and wife Teresa from Holly Springs Church by Bro. Barry Cook. 1-205-921-5669.

BRO. LESTER ISBELL from Ballard Church. 1-205-695-8346.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Members of the State Line Association.

It has been my privilege since last fall to serve as your representative to the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge. Currently there are 14 children (8 boys and 6 girls) at the home. All the boys are in one cottage because there is only one houseparent for boys. Please pray for this need.

The home would like to begin construction on a cottage for little girls as soon as the multi-purpose building (the current building project) is completed. Again, keep this in your prayers. Other needed items include: axes, pitchforks, hatchets, yard rakes, claw hammers, tall kitchen garbage bags, cereal, pop-tarts and bleach.

Please keep the Bennetts in your prayers as they deal with the day to day operations of the home.

Your representative to the home,
Bro. Ben Franklin

Ladies of the church dismissed.

Morning message by Bro. Eric Reynolds. II Timothy 4:3, Joel 2:1, I Thess. 4:16-18, Rev. 6:12-17, Isaiah 55:6, Joel 2:1-11.

Invitation: Just As I Am.

Appointing of Associational Pastor by Moderator to complete remainder of this year. Bro. Eric Reynolds.

APPRECIATION REPORT

We the appreciation want to thank Mount Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Bro. Randall and Sis. Pat Tice for the love and fellowship and the hospitality they have shown. Also for allowing us to hold our Spring session here. We thank God for his love and mercy he has shown us.

We would like to thank all the ladies that took part in preparation of the food we will have for lunch. May God Bless You All.

The Appreciation Committee

Sis. Nancy McCarley

Sis. Betty Shotts

Sis. Candy Brewer

Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Directions and instructions for lunch given by Pastor, Bro. Randall Tice.

With all business complete, a motion was made by Bro. Jimmy Avery to adjourn at the noon hour. Seconded. Bro. Clint Cochran.

Class Song: Bro. Gary Yielding

Dismissal Prayer and Blessing of food by Bro. Jamie Jeffreys.

Convene for fall session at Bethel FWB Church on October 9, 1999.

FALL SESSION

OCTOBER 9, 1999

Session opened with class song by: Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Edgar L. Childers. Prayer by Bro. Stan Galloway.

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

Roll call by clerk, Bro. Jimmy Avery.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials committee of the 95th Semi-Annual Session find all letters in order except Holly Springs. Holly Springs does not have a pastor listed. We move that all delegates be seated.

Bro. Dewey Crow

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. James O. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Credentials Committee dismissed to meet with Holly Springs dele-

gates.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee make a motion that the Holly Springs delegates be seated.

Bro. Dewey Crow
Bro. James O. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Credentials Committee recommend that Bro. Lester Isbell go before the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Dewey Crow
Bro. Hershel Emerson
Bro. James O. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Mount Hope (V) and Good Springs delegates dismissed to meet with the Credentials Committee.

Class song by Bro. Burl Lolley and Bro. Billy Rucker

Welcome the associational body to Bethel Church given by Pastor, Bro. David Sexton.

Ordaining Council dismissed to meet with delegates from Antioch Church. Devotional given by Bro. Jamie Jeffreys. Isaiah 1:10-17, I Corinthians 3:15.

Ordaining Council meet with Bro. Lester Isbell and Bro. Stan Galloway.

Class song by Bro. Bobby Duncan and Bro. Randall Tice for special recognition of Sis. Sue Collier for all her years of dedication and presence to the association.

Special song by Bro. Edwin and Sis. Candice Brewer - "Please Forgive Me."

Special song by Bro. David Sexton Family - "We Shall Rise Above It All"

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotional Committee move that Bro. E.T. Sargent bring the morning Devotion and Bro. David Sexton bring the evening Devotion.

Bro. Barry Cook
Bro. Flura Shotts
Bro. Billy Rucker

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council make a move that Bro. Lester Isbell be ordained to preach the gospel. This being done in conference on October 7, 1999.

Bro. Gilley Parrish
Bro. Edgar L. Childers
Bro. Ray Edgar

Seconded. Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee would like to report that all churches in our association are having Sunday School. We encourage each Church Pastor to stress the importance of attending Sunday School.

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

Seconded. Carried.

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rodney Yerby, Clerk
106 Madison Point Place, Madison, AL 35758

September 20, 1999

To: Jimmy R. Avery, Clerk
Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association
2622 Co. Hwy. 103, Hamilton, Alabama 35570

Dear Fellow Laborer In Christ:

I trust this letter finds you well. Enclosed you will find Form 503, Annual Letter from District Association to State Association. Please complete and return one copy of this form to me at the address above by November 4, 1999. Please enclose your representation fees with your letter.

As you may already know, the National Association of Free Will Baptists voted this summer in Atlanta to increase the representation fee paid by the State Association from \$25.00 per church to \$50.00 per church. Our State constitution specifies that each District Association shall send the sum of \$50.00 per church to the State Association. If the general fund receives only \$50.00 per church, it will not be possible to pay the required representation fees to the National Association and conduct the business of our State Association. However, unless we pay \$50.00 to the National

Association, our delegates will not be seated at the National Association meeting next summer in Anaheim, California. All district representation fees go into the general fund, and our state representation fees are paid from the general fund. The general fund also pays the cost of hosting the Annual State Association Meeting, the cost of printing The Digest, the cost of printing the State Minutes, and other necessary costs associated with the State Association. No money from the general fund goes to the Promotional Office. The executive committee has voted to recommend that our constitution be amended to increase the fee that District Associations pay from \$50.00 per church to \$85.00 per church. This \$35.00 increase will offset the additional \$25.00 per church that we must pay to the National Association, and also help defray the increasing costs borne by the State Association. Costs such as postage and printing has risen steadily, while the representation fees paid by District Associations have not changed in many years. A copy of the proposed general fund budget is included for your review.

I appreciate your faithful service in conducting the business of the State Association. I look forward to seeing you at the State Association meeting at Lighthouse Church in Montgomery on November 11 & 12, 1999.

Yours in Christ,
Rodney Yerby

Each church challenged to participate in Sunday School by clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Sis. Sue Collier be given a card of standing.

Bro. Gilley Parrish
Bro. Ray Edgar
Bro. Edgar L. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Card presented by Pastor, Bro. Randall Tice.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE (Appointed)

Sis. Betty Prestige, Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Dewey Allen

FINANCE MEMBERS COMMITTEE (Appointed)

Bro. Larry G. Davis, Bro. Edwin Brewer, Sis. Grace Rushing

Morning Devotional by Bro. E.T. Sargent. Scripture: Judges 2:10, II Peter 2:1, 3:1.

Ministers registering for Fall Session:

Bro. Howard Simmons, Bro. Lester Isbell, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Edgar Lee Childers, Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. David Sexton, Bro. Otis Parmer, Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Mike Franklin, Bro. Gillie Parrish, Bro. Roy Humphries, Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Larry G. Davis, Bro. Randall Tice, Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. Stan Galloway, Bro. Eric Reynolds, Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. E.T. Sargent.

Ministers providentially hindered with either message, phone call or letter for excuse absence.

Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, Bro. Charles Lindley, Bro. R.C. Humphries, Bro. Jerry Taylor

Deacons registering:

Bro. Billy Rucker, Bro. Kenneth Pounders, Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Jimmie Lucas, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Leemon Humphries, Bro. Billy Paul Nichols, Bro. James O. Childers, Bro. Lynn Knight, Bro. Terry Brewer, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. Curtis Allen.

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

Bro. Rick Cash introduced to association by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree. He spoke on promotion of tools for use to promote the church. Offered his assistance in any area he was needed in.

Ordination services for Bro. Lester Isbell conducted with Bro. Mike Franklin bringing the charge. Bro. Isbell presented with Bible from Bro. Franklin. Scripture taken from II Timothy 1:8, 3:1-5, Romans 10:15. Ordination completed with laying on of hands by ministers present with united prayer. Certificate of Ordination and Card of Standing presented by Ordaining Council Chairman, Bro. Gilley Parrish.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

The Appreciation Committee moves that Fairveiw Free Will Baptist Church receive a certificate for new sanctuaries and work on their church. We also move that Bro. Roy Humphries and Bro. E.T. Sargent receive a Certificate and pin for 30 years of faithful service as a minister.

Sis. Candy Brewer

Sis. Nancy McCarley

Seconded. Carried.

Certificates presented and pins pinned by the Appreciation Committee.

Bro. Larry Davis spoke to recognize the continued work of clerk Bro. Jimmy Avery and Assistant Clerk Sis. Faye Avery.

Right hand of christian fellowship extended to all.

Dismissed for lunch with dismissal prayer and grace by Bro. Wayne Williams.

EVENING SESSION

Class song: Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Larry Davis, Bro. Jeff Fleming

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We the Appreciation Committee wish to thank Bethel Church and their pastor, Bro. David Sexton for hosting the Fall Session of the State Line Association. Also, for their love, fellowship, and hospitality. Many "thanks" to the ladies who took part in the preparation of the food for lunch. May God bless each of you.

Sis. Candy Brewer

Sis. Nancy McCarley

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Deceased Members Committee have examined the church letters and found 20 brothers and sisters who have left us to be with the Lord. Our prayers are with those families. We recommend that Bro. Randall Tice bring the deceased message.

Sis. Betty Prestige

Bro. Alfred Ballard

Bro. Dewey Allen

DECEASED MEMBERS

ANTIOCH: None

BALLARD: None

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Dwayne Rye, Bro. Franklin Lewis, Bro. Braxton Collins, Sis. Lula Boyett, Sis. Bernice Owens

BETHEL: Bro. Clyde Warren, Sis. Alma Nipper

FAIRVIEW: None

GOOD SPRINGS: None

HOLLY SPRINGS: Sis. Pearlie Barksdale

LONE STAR: Bro. Arvin Bostick, Sis. Ollie May Grimes

MOUNT HOPE (H): Bro. Kenneth Yielding, Sis. Bonnie Nichols

MOUNT HOPE (V): Bro. Bill Cranford

NEW SALEM: None

PLEASANT HILL: None

PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Lillie Wiginton, Sis. Carrie Crow, Bro. Robert

Lee Cochran, Bro. D.P. Lindsey
PLEASANT SITE: Bro. Bryan Watson
ROCKY GROVE: None
ROCKY TOP:
TRINITY: None
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Obie Weaver, Sis. Wilda Mansell

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee report a balance of \$2974.79 on October 9, 1999. There are "2" amounts for postage not paid out of the general fund. One for \$33.00 and one for \$38.50, coming to a total of \$71.50. This needs to be paid out. This will leave a balance of \$2,903.29.

Bro. Larry Davis
Sis. Grace Rushing
Bro. Edwin Brewer

Seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1999

Antioch	\$ 60.00
Ballard	100.00
Barnesville	200.00
Bethel	300.00
Fairview	264.50
Good Springs	80.00
Holly Springs	100.00
Lone Star	100.00
Mount Hope (H)	125.00
Mount Hope (V)	200.00
New Salem	50.00
Pleasant Hill	125.00
Pleasant Ridge	250.00
Pleasant Site	100.00
Rocky Grove	125.00
Trinity	94.00
Union Ridge	75.00
TOTAL OF CHECKS FOR 1999 FUNDS	\$2,348.50
Balance on Hand (Oct. 1998)	2,188.89
State & National Dues	900.00
Printing of Minutes	722.60
Balance after 1998 bills paid	566.29
Deposit (Antioch Church late receiving)	60.00
Total on Hand (prior to 1999 contributions)	626.29
Contributions for 1999	2,348.50

TOTAL ON HAND OCTOBER 9, 1999 \$2,974.79

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council move that Bro. Craig McCarley be dropped from the Roll of Ministers and not be given a card of standing. There is no evidence of his membership in any church within this association.

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. Ray Edgar

Bro. Edgar L. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. Stan Galloway be accepted into this association in full fellowship.

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. Ray Edgar

Bro. Edgar L. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Right hand of christian fellowship by moderator, assistant moderator and Ordaining Council.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

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

Bro. Gillie Parrish

Bro. Ray Edgar

Bro. Edgar L. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

Cards of good standing passed out by the Ordaining Council.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The home is currently doing well. They are fully staffed with house parents and openings exist for 9 boys and 6 girls, ages 6-14 years. Older children will be considered individually. Pastors, please announce this in your churches and feel free to contact me if you know of children whom the Home could help.

A big priority currently in the operation of the Home is a search for an executive director. Bro. Bennett was not accepted by the State since his degrees were from non-accredited colleges. Presently, the same social worker is serving as interim director and the executive committee is searching for full-time candidates. If you know anyone who is interested,

they can contact me and I can put them in touch with the appropriate person. Please pray for the committee and the Home as the search continues. Also, please pray for the Bennetts as they look for employment. Bro. Roger has served well.

For churches or individuals who want to help, the Home needs boxed juices, Ritz crackers, cake mixes, cool-aid, school snacks, browning mixes, styrofoam cups and plates, napkins and saltine crackers. You may deliver these to the home or give them to me and I will pass them on.

Your representative to the Home,
Bro. Ben Franklin

Seconded. Carried.

Deceased Members message brought by Bro. Randall Tice.
Scripture: John 17:11, 19:25; I Corinthians 15:51; II Timothy 1:10. Song "That Glad Reunion Day" sang in remembrance of those gone on.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have truly enjoyed these last 6 months while serving in the capacity of Associational Pastor. I have done my best to visit every church in our association and I'm proud to say that I have had the opportunity to visit 13 of the 18 churches. I'm sorry to the churches I didn't visit, and to the ones that asked me to come back and I couldn't, but it has been a very busy year.

I thank each and every church for the warm welcome, the wonderful fellowship, the financial support, but most of all for your prayers. I ask for your continued support through the power of prayer.

I appreciate the opportunity have been given through the position of associational pastor. It has been an excellent opportunity for me to further my ministry, and to grow in Christ.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue as Associational Pastor. I find my role in God's wonderful plan is changing. I thank all of you, love all of you, and ask for your continued prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Eric Reynolds

Seconded. Carried.

Evening Devotion brought by Bro. David Sexton. Scripture: Matthew 22:36; St. John 14:15; Ecclesiastes 12:13; I John 3:1; St. John 13:34; I John 3:18. Devotion ended with the Sexton family song, sung in acapela, "I Call Him Father, I Call Him Lord".

Bro. Jimmie Lucas spoke on the abortion issue. All christians encouraged to continue to stand against abortion.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Business Committee make a motion that the association omit the Saturday night Fall Session and have communion and feetwashing service on the Fall Evening Session.

Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Bro. Bobby Duncan
Bro. Jeff Fleming
Bro. Jimmy Avery

Seconded. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR OF 2000

Moderator Bro. Dwayne Hammontree
Assistant Moderator Bro. David Sexton
Clerk & Treasurer Bro. Jamie Jeffreys
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer Sis. Angie Jeffreys
Trustee to Children’s Home Bro. Eric Reynolds
Associational Pastor Bro. Barry Cook

SPRING SESSION: BARNESVILLE
FALL SESSION: FAIRVIEW

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Dewey Crow (dropped); Bro. Hershel Emerson (Chair); Bro. James O. Childers, Apt. Bro. Fred Knight

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Gillie Parrish (dropped); Bro. Ray Edgar (Chair); Bro. Edgar L. Childers, Apt. Bro. Barry Cook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Clint Cochran (dropped); Bro. Billy Rucker (Chair); Bro. Wendell Giddie; Apt. Bro. Wayne Williams

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Moderator - Bro. Dwayne Hammontree; Asst. Moderator - Bro. David Sexton; Clerk - Bro. Jamie Jeffreys; #1 - Bro. Larry Davis; #2 - Bro. Otis Parmer.

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	Bro. Doyle Chandler	37	0	0	0	4,900.00	150.00	\$85,000	\$154.92	60.00	179.50			1224.62	1	2	2	15			Bro. R.B. Barnes	
BALLARD	Bro. Mike Franklin	82	3	4	0	9,325.00	400.00	\$80,000		100.00		470.35		1765.22	1	1	1	26	✓	✓	Bro. Joey Sanderson	
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	173	11	0	5	14,350.00	550.00	\$150,000	1335.57	200.00	600.00	1288.94	1635.00	13712.36	2	6	5	56	✓	✓	Bro. Hershel Emerson	
BETHEL	Bro. David Sexton	55	2	0	2	7,800.00	3550.00	\$150,000	3148.66	300.00	7225.00	1660.00	1000.00	3364.38	1	4	7	30	✓	✓	Bro. Wendell Jan Franks	
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Dwayne Hammontree	143	5	2	0	15,600.00	1735.00	540,000	19567.78	364.50	1947.00	2439.39	2480.00	14,614.73	2	4	4	65		✓	Bro. Norman Carter	
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Stan Galloway	45	7	0	0	4,825.00	705.00	80,000	5607.92	80.00	100.00	98.25	200.0	50.00	2	4	4	20		✓	Bro. Dale Glick	
HOLLY SPRINGS	Bro. Eric Reynolds	32	7	4	1	5,300.00	800.00	144,000		100.00		778.52		2495.26	3	3	3	15		✓	Bro. John Scott	
LONE STAR	Bro. Gilley Parrish	42	11		2	9,475.00	400.00	\$100,000		100.00		846.93			1	4	5	42		✓	Bro. Bobby Bostick	
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Randall Tice	191	3	2	2	17,227.07	560.00	\$120,000	7154.58	125.00	1479.00	1129.65		3015.93	3	3	4	43		✓	Bro. Gary Yielding	
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	80			1	14,490.00	1200.00	\$220,000	19014.39	200.00		1668.67		2753.00	2		10	85	✓	✓	Bro. Odis Mitchell	
NEW SALEM	Bro. Edgar Lee Childers	23								50.00	240.00					2	2	23		✓	Bro. Jimmy Lucas	
PLEASANT HILL	Bro. J.B. Tice	60	13			10,450.00	1100.00	\$125,000	22633.25	125.00		553.77		553.77	2	2	4	50		✓	Bro. Brent Engle	
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	187	18	1	4	18,200.00	700.00	\$150,000	1824.86	250.00	1007.85	3282.43	113.00	37178.81	1	3	8	100	✓	✓	Bro. Harry Williams	
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Larry Davis	49	5	5	1	6,825.00	1050.00	\$120,000	1353.62	100.00	400.00	917.40		3245.90	1		4	30		✓	Bro. Lewis Miller	
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	54	6			8,250.00	325.00	150,000	1072.78	125.00	100.00	824.47		5624.72	2	3	4	56	✓	✓	Bro. Mickey Bozeman	
ROCKY TOP																						
TRINITY	Bro. E.T. Sargent	37		1		3,900.00	1075.00	\$80,000	3015.00	94.00	480.00	292.40	120.00	4,752.32	1	1	4	26	✓	✓	Bro. Donny Dodd	
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	66			2	12,221.75	210.00	\$150,000	42268.30	75.00	923.08	997.77	1311.75	1875.93	1	1	7	30			Bro. Johnny Hulsey	

FALL DELEGATES 1999

ANTIOCH: Bro. Kenny Avery, Sis. Pam Avery, Sis. Sue Williams

BALLARD: Sis. Sharon Isbell, Sis. Susanne Franklin

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Jamie Jeffreys, Sis. Angie Jeffreys, Bro. Dewey Allen, Sis. Wilma Allen

BETHEL: Sis. Gerline Sexton, Sis. Susan O'Mary, Sis. Jeanie Sexton

FAIRVIEW: Bro. John Fell, Bro. Alfred Ballard, Alt. Bro. Connie Brown, Alt. Sis. Peggy Brown

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Gail Parrish, Bro. Brandon Parrish, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Alt. Bro. Terry Parrish

HOLLY SPRINGS: Sis. Betty Childers, Sis. Jimmie Lou Nichols, Bro. John Scott

LONE STAR: Bro. Edwin Brewer, Sis. Candy Brewer, Bro. James Barrett, Sis. Jane Barrett

MOUNT HOPE (H): Sis. Carol Shotts, Sis. Ilene Yielding, Sis. Ivy Collier, Alt. Bro. Henry Pearce

MOUNT HOPE (V): Sis. Pam Humphries, Sis. Diane Ozbirn, Sis. Amanda Atkins, Bro. Heath Atkins

NEW SALEM: Sis. Emogene Bradley, Bro. Wayne Bradley, Alt. Sis. Faye Humphries

PLEASANT HILL: Bro. Connie Cantrell, Bro. Burl Lolley, Sis. Pamela Say

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. L.J. Prestige, Sis. Betty Prestige, Alt. Sis. Peggy Self

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Delores Watson, Sis. Nadine Latham, Alt. Sis. Evelyn Mills

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Mickey Bozeman, Sis. Joyce Bozeman, Sis. Annette Blaker, Alt. Sis. Carolyn Byrd

ROCKY TOP:

TRINITY: Bro. Bobby Benson, Sis. Brenda Benson, Sis. Helen Goodwin, Sis. Ruth Trimm, Alt. Sis. Jessmer Sargent, Alt. Sis. Tonie Dodd

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

Footwashing and Communion message brought by Bro. Dwayne Hammontree. Scripture for communion, St. Mark 14:12-26. Serving - Breaking of Bread: Bro. Curtis Allen, Prayer and Bro. Wayne Williams. Serving of Wine - Bro. Billy Rucker, Prayer and Bro. Jimmie Lucas.

Unity of congregation for partaking of bread and wine at same time.

Footwashing scripture: St. John 13:1-17. Instructions for footwashing service by Bro. David Sexton. Participating women - 13, ministers - 14, deacons - 6, laymen - 3. Total of 36.

Announcements

Joint Thanksgiving service of State Line Association of Churches to be held with Mount Hope FWB Church (H) on Tuesday night before Thanksgiving in November 23, 1999.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Jimmy R. Avery.

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. Stan Galloway	
110 Galloway Rd., Russellville, AL, 332-6189	1990
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. Lester Isbell	
2406 New Hope Rd., Kennedy, AL, 695-8346	1999
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. 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. Randall Tice
 2082 Co. Hwy. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4034 1973

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ANTIOCH: Sis. Pam Avery
 123 Rock Cliff Rd., P.O. Box 201, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4159
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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
 3191 Co. Hwy. 122, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7609
 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
 24726 State Hwy. 253, Hackleburg, AL 35564, 935-3739
 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

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. James Steve Smith, Bro. William Williams
BALLARD: Bro. J.R. Kerr
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Freeman
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. Terry Brewer
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: None
ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay,
Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts
ROCKY TOP:
TRINITY: Bro. Bobby Benson
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, 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

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