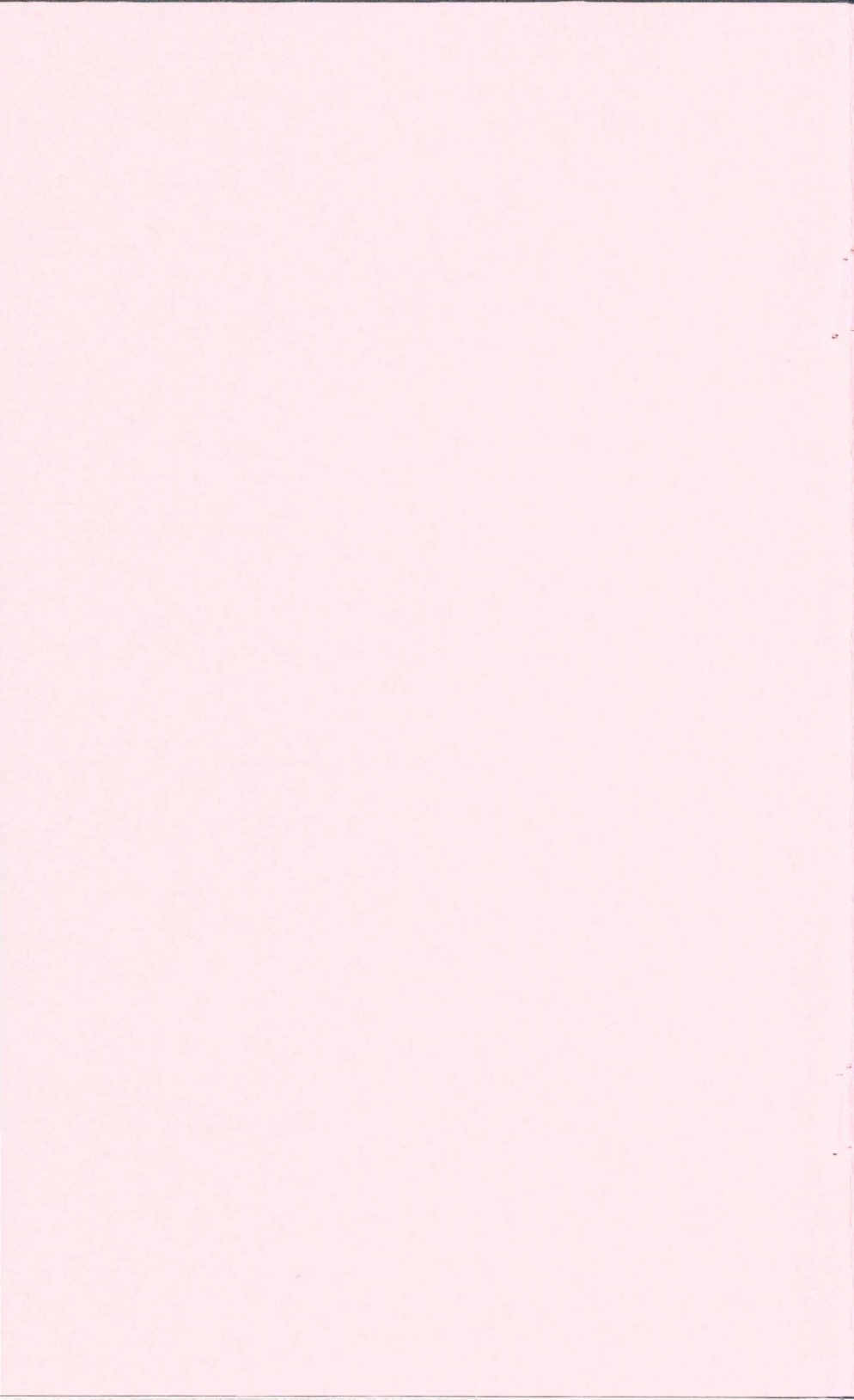




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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Hope

Date: January 13, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Randy Key, New Children's Home Director

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Harvest

Date: April 7, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Greg Ramsey

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield

Date: June 23, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. John Taylor

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Magnolia

Date: October 13, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. James Forlines - Alternate, David Crow

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Eastside FWB Church

Nov. 4, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters. He opened with prayer and read Psalm 107. He said, "Pray we will always be able to praise the LORD for His goodness."

He expressed his appreciation for those who came. There were 11 members present.

The first order of business was to complete the Calendar of Events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: First Church, Dothan

Date: January 8, 2000

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Larry Reynolds

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Corinth

Date: April 8, 2000

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Glen Poston

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Pine Hills

Date: June 24, 2000

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Rodney Brazil

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Eastside

Date: October 7, 2000

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker: Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Office

MSC to adopt. Move was made by Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

The Executive Board was elected. The Board consists of: Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lonnie Skiles; Clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper; Treasurer, Sis. Ann Kennedy and five members elected from the General Board, Bro. Levy Parramore, Rev. Wayne Parker, Bro. Harvey Windham, Rev. E. R. Mayo, and Bro. Tommy Taylor. MSC to accept. Move was made by Sis. Ann Kennedy.

The Missions Banquet and Conference will be the end of January. The banquet will be the last Saturday night in January. The six scheduled missionaries will be "farmed out" to as many local churches as possible. The Missions Board will work through the local churches to get in as many as possible. Each church interested should contact the Missions Board.

The churches are encouraged to support the Acts 1:8 Plan. It is working for our foreign and home missionaries.

Sis. Ann Kennedy informed the meeting that Rev. Barber, former pastor of New Hope FWB Church and former member of the State Line Association Presbytery, passed away in late October.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles informed the meeting that Sis. Becky Franks was going to Cincinnati next week for tests. (They are home on medical leave.)

Rev. James Osborn is doing "as good as he can."

Rev. E. R. Mayo asked if anyone knew of a preacher prospect for First FWB Church, Enterprise.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

REV. BOBBY PETERS, Moderator

SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION 2000 JANUARY 8, 2000 - FIRST FWB CHURCH, DOTHAN

The Session opened with prayer and congregational singing led by Rev. Lonnie Skiles. Musicians were Sis. Sara Hanna at the piano and Sis. Sara Poston at the organ. Songs were "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "How Firm A Foundation." Welcome was given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy from the Host Church. Response was given by Rev. Frank Fagan from New Hope.

Session was officially opened by the Clerk. Initial remarks were made by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters. He thanked First Church for their hospitality. He greeted everyone and welcomed them into a new century. He said, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phillipians 3:13b-14) He went on to say, "What a time to live and what changes we have witnessed. God help us to move forward. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ blood and righteousness."

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee - Bro. Tommy Taylor, Rev. Frank Fagan, and Bro. Bobby Kennedy. Finance Committee was appointed - Sis. Ann Kennedy as Chairperson, Sisters Ashley Brazil, Angela Mefford, and Sandra Skiles. There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from sister churches.

The Moderator recognized 16 ministers, 9 deacons and 1 visitor, Bro. Larry Carpenter interim pastor of Spring Hill FWB Church.

Scripture reading and prayer was given by Rev. Glen Poston, Host Church Pastor. He read I Peter 5:1-11 and led in prayer. Credentials Committee reported 20 churches with letters and delegates. MSC to accept their report and to seat the delegates. Roll was called by the Clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE:

Missions report given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy. He asked the pastors to help promote the upcoming missions conference and banquet on January 29-30. MSC to accept report.

Youth and Christian Education report given by Bro. Joey Beckon. MSC to accept report.

Ministers Retirement report given by Bro. Junior Ward. He reported the death of Dr. Floyd Barber, former pastor in this association. His retirement earnings will go to his wife Sis. Rachel Barber. MSC to accept report.

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

Registration Committee report was given for Corinth FWB Church, Sis. Zelmolean Mallory read the report. There was a total present of 116. MSC to accept report.

While awaiting return of the Ordaining Council, Rev. Jeff Lunsford, who is planning to go to Mongolia as an English teacher, was introduced. He and wife Melissa and their four children, Joseph, Benjamin, Callie, and John are planning to leave for Mongolia August 4. They are covered under Alabama's ACTS 1-8 plan of support. They will be teaching English in an English speaking institute there.

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Lonnie Skiles. He read the report and asked that each item on the report be voted on item by item. MSC to accept report. We then proceeded with each item.

Item 1 - Rev. Dave Collins, Associate Pastor at Magnolia, was recommended for acceptance into our fellowship. MSC

Item 2 - Rev. Greg Ramsey, new pastor at First FWB Church, Enterprise, was recommended to be accepted into our fellowship pending receipt of letter from his former association. MSC. Moderator welcomed him into our area.

Item 3 - Rev. Jeff Lunsford, missions appointee to Mongolia and member of New Hope FWB Church, was recommended for acceptance into our fellowship and to pray for him and his family as they depart for Mongolia for mission service. MSC

Rev. Skiles asked us to pray about increasing our ACTS 1:8 shares. They have gone from \$16.00 per share to \$20.00 per share. Pray for the Dave Franks, Jr. Family.

Children's Home report given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. The Children's Home still has a temporary director. Pray for a permanent FWB director. Pray for Children's Home and keep up your gifts.

There being no further business, MSC to adjourn business session and have recess.

Worship Hour began with congregational signing. The first song was "Just Over In The Glory Land."

Rev. and Mrs. Osborn were recognized. It was their first time to be present since his last surgery. He expressed their love and appreciation to God and the State Line Association for all that has been done for them. A number of special prayer requests were received. A special prayer, led by Rev. Poston, was offered up for all the prayer requests.

The song service continued with singing "What A Day That Will Be."

A move was made by Rev. Frank Fagan to give the offering for today to the Jeff Lunsford Family. MSC

The last song was "The Unclouded Day."

Melissa Long Lunsford gave a word of testimony. She said she was glad to be back in the area after being gone for nearly 20 years. She said that she appreciated what growing up in this area had meant to her and that if any good has come of her life, it is due in large part to her upbringing in this area.

She thanked the members of the Association for all that was done for her and the Godly influence it was on her life.

The offering was received. Prayer on the offering by Bro. Lewis Mallory of Host Church.

Rev. Frank Fagan sang a special, "Four Days Too Late."

The Moderator introduced the speaker who was Rev. Larry Reynolds, pastor of Eastside FWB Church. Rev. Reynolds' text was Rev. 4:6-8. The title of his message was "Adoration of Our LORD - The Three Holys." The three holys were: (1) "Which was" His sacrificial death. He paid a debt He didn't owe for a debt I owed and could not pay." (2) "Which is" He ever liveth to make intercession for us. (3) "Which is to come" He is coming for us "For the Lord Himself shall descend with a shout." He closed in prayer and invited all that needed to come to the altar for prayer. Several responded.

The Moderator said he had been so blessed he hated to close the meeting. That was the consensus of the entire body of the association.

Lunch instructions were given and prayer of blessing and benediction all by Rev. Poston.

REV. BOBBY PETERS, Moderator

SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

The day was cloudy and mild.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION CORINTH FWB CHURCH APRIL 8, 2000

The Second Quarterly Session began with prayer. Congregational singing followed with Bro. Van Clements leading, Sis. Sara Hannah at the piano and Sis. Sara Poston at the organ. Songs were "At Calvary," "The Old Account Was Settled," "To God Be The Glory," "A Shelter In The Time of Storm," "The Kingdom Is Coming." Invocation was by Bro. Lewis Mallory. Welcome was given by Bro. Byron Mallory from the host church. Response was given by Rev. Ricky Carroll from Cowarts Creek.

Session was officially opened by the Clerk. Initial remarks were made by the moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters. He read the Book of Jude. He said he was thankful to be saved and thankful to be a Free Will Baptist. Jude offers Christians a message for the 21st Century. We must have courage to stand up for that which we believe.

Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, and Rev. Frank Fagan. Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Sara Hannah, and Sis. Rhetta Butler. There were no petitionary letters. There were no sister association delegates.

The Moderator recognized 12 ministers, 11 deacons, and 1 visitor, Bro. Larry Carpenter, interim pastor at Springhill. Moderator gave a word of encouragement to the deacons.

Scripture reading and prayer was by Bro. Byron Mallory, host church. He read John 3:1-10. He said the smartest humans that ever lived are now living. So many smart people yet they "knowest not these things." Our responsibility is to tell them about Jesus.

Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy. He reported letters were received and examined from 18 of our churches. MSC to accept the report and seat the delegates.

Before receiving reports from standing boards, a special time of prayer was held remembering a number of sick persons including Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones and upcoming revivals. Prayer was led by Rev. John Edwards.

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE:

Missions report was given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy. He reported a very successful missions banquet and conference in January. Sixteen of our churches participated. MSC to accept report.

Youth and Christian Education report was read by Rev. Bobby Peters. MSC to accept report.

No Ministers Retirement or Ordaining Council report.

Children's Home Trustee report given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. He reported 18 kids in the home and it was debt free as of the last board meeting. MSC to accept as information.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. MSC to accept.

Registration Committee report was given by Sis. Zelmolean Mallory. MSC to accept report.

MSC to give host church a rising vote of thanks.

District WNAC report was given by Sis. Rhetta Butler, Coordinator. She talked about the State Annual Meeting coming up on May 6 at Jasper, AL. MSC to accept as information.

No miscellaneous business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A singing and hot dog supper tonight at Springhill. Children's Home video available. Mongolia video tape available. New Hope will be having a benefit sing for Lunsfords sometime in May. Cowarts Creek is having homecoming. Rev. Scott will preach. Goodwater and Eastside are having revivals April 16-19. Harvest is having revival May 7-10, Rev. Joey Pettis is the evangelist. Corinth is having revival 18-23 June. Rev. Glen Poston is evangelist. Rev. John Edwards announced that Sardis Church is having a revival beginning on Easter Sunday night and going through Wednesday night with Rev. Mickey Kirkland as evangelist.

Adjourned for recess.

The Worship Hour began with congregational singing. Bro. Van Clements led in prayer. Songs were "Blessed Assurance," "Joy Unspeakable," "I Will Praise Him," "Have Faith in God." Rev. Jeff Lunsford spoke and brought greetings and thank-you's to the association. We had two more songs, "How Great Thou Art," "Blessed Be The Name."

The following ushers were appointed to receive the offering: Rev. Peters, Rev. Coxwell, Rev. Fagan, and Rev. Poston. Rev. Coxwell led in prayer. MSC to designate the offering: Rev. Peters, Rev. Coxwell, Rev. Fagan, and Rev. Poston. Rev. Coxwell led in prayer. MSC to designate the offering to the General Fund.

Special music was furnished by Rev. Larry Reynolds, Eastside pastor. He sang "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Glen Poston brought the morning message. His scripture text was Rev. 3:1-6, the title of his message was "When Is a Church Dying?" His main points were: "When Jesus is not lifted up;" "When no love is demonstrated;" "When something side tracks us;" "When everyone wants to be ministered to instead of ministering;" "When sin and church problems are not dealt with properly;" "When church leaders are more interested in their position than in ministering;" "When sin and church problems are not dealt with properly;" "When church leaders are more interested in their position than in ministering;" "When we fail to meet the needs of people;" "When we fail to support our church with prayer and finances;" "When we do nothing to keep them alive."

Lunch instructions were given and prayer of blessing on the food and the benediction was prayed.

REV. BOBBY PETERS, MODERATOR
LORETTA CULPEPPER, CLERK

"The day began cloudy and light showers fairing off around lunch time and very windy and cooler."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - 2000 PINE HILL FWB CHURCH JUNE 24, 2000

The Third Quarterly Session began with prayer. Congregational singing followed with Bro. Van Clements leading and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were: "He's Been So Good To Me;" "Til The Storm Passes By;" "O, I Want To See Him;" and "Where The Soul Never Dies." Invocation was given by Bro. Lewis Mallory. Prayer and welcome were given by Rev. John Taylor, Host pastor. Response was by Rev. Larry Reynolds, pastor at Eastside.

Session was officially opened by the Clerk. Initial remarks were made by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, who presided over the session in the absence of Rev. Bobby Peters, Moderator. Rev. Skiles read Hebrews 2:1-4. He said, "This so describes our generation of today. The great falling away preceding the coming of Christ. 'Lest we, drift away.' It is so easy to drift away. It's easy to drift but hard to get back. It is even easy for preachers to drift. It is always God's Word that prevails. Give the Word earnest heed. Be careful.

Credentials Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Larry Reynolds, and Bro. Terry Sellers. Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Rhett Butler, and Sis. Shirley Sullivan. There were no petitionary letters or correspondence from our sister associations.

The Moderator recognized 15 ministers and 11 deacons. No official visitors attended.

Scripture reading and prayer were by Rev. John Taylor. He read John 11:5-26. He said, "The greatest thing is salvation." Bro. Van led us in singing "Jesus Hold My Hand."

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. He reported letters were received and examined from 20 of our 21 churches, all reporting with delegates except one. MSC to accept the report and seat the delegates. Roll was called and delegates seated.

Committees for the Annual Session were appointed as follows:

Auxiliaries	Clerk
Obituary	Enterprise
Placement	Magnolia
Registration	Eastside
Suggestions	New Hope
Temperance	Samson
Nominating	Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman
	Bro. Levy Parramore and Bro. Heyward
	Butler- Members

REPORTS OF STANDING BOARDS AND TRUSTEE:

Missions report was given by Bro. Bobby Kennedy. MSC to accept report.

Youth and Education report was read by Bro. David Miller. He commented about the testimonies of the campers and their requests to "Pray for me." "God has done a work and the devil doesn't like it. Encourage your youth that attended and pray for them." Rev. Joe Beckon led in prayer for the 154 campers. MSC to accept report.

Ministers Retirement report was given by Bro. Junior Ward. MSC to accept.

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. John Edwards. Rev. Rodney Brazil, pastor of Union Hill, and Rev. Joe Beckon, Youth Director at First FWB Church, Dothan, have been ordained. MSC to accept report.

Children's Home report was given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell. He said the Children's Home still has no director. To qualify for the job, you must be a Free Will Baptist. He said it was a good position if you met the qualification. The Moderator urged us to pray about the matter. MSC to accept report.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. MSC to accept report.

Registration Committee report was given by Sis. Dean Mallory. MSC to accept report and give Host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Rev. Glen Poston made a move to give retirees a \$25.00 a month raise. A second was received and motion approved by the body.

Rev. Tom Coxwell made a move to give today's offering to Rev. James Osborn. A second and motion approved. The Moderator commended Howard Grove for their loyalty and support of Rev. Osborn during his long illness and recovery.

Rev. Larry Reynolds had a hand-out for the churches. He said 2/3 of our churches participated in this year's missions banquet and Sunday Missions

services. He urged our churches to use the hand-out to let the missions board know if they wish to participate in the missions conference for 2001. Dates for our next conference are January 27-28, 2001. He also suggested an Associational wide Thanksgiving service for Tuesday night before Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, 2000. (See attachment.) The Moderator challenged our churches to respond. MSC to accept report as information.

Rev. Larry Reynolds dismissed for recess.

Worship hour began with congregational signing led by Bro. Van Clements and piano played by Sis. Sara Poston. Songs were "What a Wonderful Savior." Rev. Fred Hersey led in prayer. ""This World Is Not My Home;" "Won't It be Wonderful There?;" "What A Day That Will Be;" "Dwelling In Beulah Land."

Offering was received in the amount of \$300.00 designated to go to Rev. James Osborn.

The choir sang a special, "I Want To Know More About My Lord."

Message was brought by Rev. Rodney Brazil, pastor of Union Hill FWB Church. His scripture was Genesis 35:1 and Genesis 28. Rev. Brazil said Jacob seemed to have forgotten what happened at Bethel and his vow to God. When we make a vow to God, it's best we don't break it. Bethel means "House of Bread." God is a provider, a keeper of his promises, God is a God whose presence is everywhere. God is healing in past sorrows, stress, and God kept Jacob through his life to the end of it. God is calling us back to Bethel to prepare us for the future.

Several revivals were announced and prayer requests given. Meeting adjourned and closing prayer and blessing on food was given by Rev. Thomas Coxwell.

REV. LONNIE SKILES, Assistant Moderator

SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

The morning was beautiful weather wise.

ATTACHMENT 1

Greetings to the churches of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists from your Mission Board:

Thanks so much for your participation in our Missions' Conference this past January (15 out of 21 churches).

This year the conference dates will be January 27-28, 2001. This is not a 5th Sunday week-end. Please let us know how many missionary services you would prefer. We need this information as soon as possible. Thank you.

Missions' Banquet: Saturday, January 27

Missionary Services: Sunday, January 28 A.M. _____ P.M. _____

Church Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please think about this: Would our associational churches be interested in having an Associational-wide Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21st? This would also be an opportunity to receive an offering from our churches to go toward our Missions' Conference, as well as a precious time of fellowship and worship of our dear Lord. If so, our Associational Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Host Pastor of church volunteering to have the service, could be responsible for the program.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION - 2000
Eastside FWB Church
October 7, 2000**

The One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Session of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists convened on October 7, 2000, at Eastside FWB Church, Dothan, AL.

Meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Van Clements and Sis. Sara Poston at the piano. Songs were "Stand Up for Jesus," "Heaven Came Down," "Higher Ground." Invocation was given by Dr. John Edwards. Welcome was given by Dr. Larry Reynolds and response was given by Bro. Eugene Jones.

Session was officially opened by the Clerk, Sis. Loretta Culpepper. Initial remarks were made by the Moderator, Rev. Bobby Peters. He read Psalm 1 and said, "Christians ought to live separate from the world."

The Moderator appointed the credentials committee as follows: Rev. Fred Hersey, Bro. Bobby Kennedy, and Rev. Greg Ramsey. Finance committee was appointed as follows: Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Hersey and Sis. Shirley Sullivan. There were no petitionary letters, and no correspondence from sister associations. Official visitors were Rev. Dave Franks and Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Worker. Ministers and deacons were recognized.

Scripture reading and prayer was given by Bro. Jeremy Overstreet from the host church. He read Romans 8:5-11. His topic was "Carnal Minded." He asked the question, "Are you carnal or spiritual?"

Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Fred Hersey. MSC to accept report. There were 20 churches reporting, 19 with delegates and 1 without delegates. The roll was called and MSC to seat delegates.

Committees for the Annual Session reported as follows:

- Auxiliary - Association Clerk
- Obituaries - Rev. Greg Ramsey, First FWB Church, Enterprise
- Placement - Rev. Paul Mallory, Magnolia FWB Church
- Suggestions - Bro. Steve Windham, New Hope FWB Church
- Temperance - Sis. Mary Paul, First FWB Church, Samson
- Nominating - Bro. Bobby Kennedy, Chairman, Bro. Levy Parramore, and Bro. Heyward Butler

Registration Committee for year 2001 - Eastside FWB Church

MSC to accept all reports as read. Slate of officers elected by acclamation.

Bro. Bobby Kennedy made a move to give Rev. Bobby Peters, outgoing moderator, a rising vote of thanks for a job well done. MSC

Standing Boards and Trustee reported as follows:

- Missions Board - Bro. Bobby Kennedy
- Youth and Christian Education - Bro. Terry Sellers
- Ministers Retirement - Bro. Junior Ward
- Ordaining Council - No report
- Children's Home Trustee - Rev. Thomas Coxwell

MSC to accept all standing boards and trustee reports.

Report of Finance Committee and Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Ann Kennedy. MSC to accept reports. Sis. Ann announced that dues to the State and National were going up to \$85.00 per church in the association.

Registration Committee report was given by Sis. Zelmodean Mallory. She made a move to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC to accept report.

Moderator asked for volunteers as delegates to the Annual State Association. Those volunteering were Sisters Ann Kennedy, June Hersey, Rhetta Butler, Sara Poston and Bro. Heyward Butler. Others could call in to the clerk and have their names listed. (Since association, Sis. Poston asked to have her name removed due to surgery.)

No delegates to sister associations.

WNAC report was given for information by Sis. Rhetta Butler, District Coordinator. MSC to accept report as information. She urged pastors to encourage their ladies to join their local WNACs and where they don't have one, to organize one.

Miscellaneous business and announcements. The Annual State Association will convene in Florence, AL, at First FWB Church on 8-10 November. There will be a missionary banquet on Thursday night at 5 P.M. Speaker will be Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. Harvest FWB Church will be celebrating their 17th anniversary tomorrow (Oct. 8). Panther Creek announced that George Wallace, Jr. would be speaking at the 11:00 hour on Sunday, Oct. 29, and they will have homecoming on Sunday, Nov. 5. Pine Hill announced their Homecoming. First Church, Dothan, announced their revival beginning Oct. 8. New Harmony revival will start next Sunday, Oct. 15. Several special prayer requests were given and special prayer was held for these.

An Associational Wide Thanksgiving Service will be held this year on Tuesday, November 21 at First FWB Church in Dothan beginning at 7 P.M. Rev. Duane Taylor will be guest speaker. A special offering will be received for our Missions Conference Banquet expenses. A time of fellowship and refreshments will be enjoyed after the service.

Recess.

MORNING WORSHIP began with congregational singing led by Bro. Van with Sis. Poston at the piano. Songs were "I Want To Know More," "Jesus Is Lord Of All," "Because He Lives," "Without Him," "A Hill Called Mount Calvary," "Heavenly Love." A choir assisted Bro. Van in the song service. Mandy Radney from Eastside sang a special, "The Battle Isn't Over But The Victory Is Mine." Offering was received and designated to State Promotional Office. MSC

Morning message was brought by Rev. Rick Cash. He gave a brief update on Acts 1:8. He said it was going very well, that we would be going to 100% support in 2001. He said this association gave nearly \$35,000 to Acts 1:8 and nearly \$4000 to the State Promotional Office. His sermon text was Genesis 35:1-7; 28:12-22; 34:30. It was at Bethel that Jacob committed his

all to God. Bro. Rick said the burden of his heart was that we need to get back to the altar. Lot built no altars. Abraham built them wherever he went. We need family altars. No church is going to be more spiritual than the families who make it up. We need the church altar. The closing song was "Just As I Am" and several went to the altar for prayer.

Dr. Larry Reynolds gave instructions for lunch, prayed, asked pastors to encourage young people to attend association meetings. Bro. Chris Mitchell asked blessing on the food.

Adjourned.

REV. BOBBY NED PETERS, MODERATOR

SIS. LORETTA CULPEPPER, Clerk

**THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
STATE LINE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church
March 4, 2000**

4 March 2000

Home Missions Emphasis

The 43rd Annual Convention of the State Line Women Nationally Active for Christ met March 4, 2000 at Hew Hope FWB Church, Midland City, AL.

2000 Theme

"Opportunities" A Door Ajar - Revelation 3:8 "See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it."

The Convention began with singing "Praise The Lord" and "Isn't He Wonderful," led by Annette Tomlinson. Sara Hanna was the pianist.

Responsive reading was by the District President, Terri Martin. Her scripture text was Isaiah 49: 14-16; she then led in prayer.

Emma Jean Mallory, District Sec., called the 43rd Convention into session.

"Welcome " was by Niria Ammons from the host church.

"Response" was by Martha Clements.

The President then recognized the pastors and visitors. Rev. Jeff Lunsford was the only pastor present. There were three visitors: Melissa Lunsford; Rebecca Franks, Missionary to Uruguay; and Linda Deese.

Appointment of Committees:

Credential: Rhett Butler, Chairman; Starla Parker, Ethel Vaughn

Finance: Annette Tomlinson, Chairman; Loretta Culpepper, Renae Nance

Nomination: Annette Mallory, Chairman; Ann Kennedy, Sandra Skiles

Resolutions: Ann Kennedy, Chairman; Jackie Peters, Sara Poston

Registration: Host Church, New Hope

The morning offering was received by Sara Cox and Renee Hanna.

Melissa Lunsford, missionary to Mongolia, shared her work. She also showed a video "Light at the End of the Earth." She asked us to pray for the families, physical needs, their emotional needs, and spiritual needs.

Credentials Committee's Report was as follows: Seven churches reporting with dues and membership. We also received a letter from Eastside FWB Church petitioning to join the District back again. This report was approved.

Chairmen's Reports:

Missions Chairman:

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer for foreign missions	Average att. 140
Total: Laura Bella Barnard Offering	\$349.00

Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer	Average Att 140
Total Lizzi McAdams Offering	\$298.50

Week of Prayer State Home Missions	Average Att. 9
Total Alice Lupton Offering	\$130.00

Mission Studies

Number of studies 8, average att. 42, books studied 7.

Missionary speakers - 7

Mission programs - 4

Five churches participating in Acts 1:8 plan. Approximate money spent in other activities: \$2750.96. Number of women participating in Missions Activities - 331.

Niria Ammons: Chairman MSC

Study Chairman:

7 Mission Studies
12 Christian Living Studies
6 Prayer Studies
1 Manual Studies
26 Total Studies

Average Attendance 7 in studies

Number of Women subscribing to Co-Laborer	103
Contact	48
Heartbeat	95
Mission Gram	75
FWBBC Bulletin	67

Betty Coxwell: Chairman MSC

Service Chairman:

Children's Home Gifts	\$ 567.00
Puerto Rico Gifts	554.00
Oct. Provision Closet Shower	1284.00
Total	\$2405.00

Cynthia Knowles, Chairman MSC

Report given by Martha Clements in the absence of the Chairman

Prayer Chairman:

Prayer Fellowship	27
Family Devotions	62
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer	148
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer	136
State Home Mission Week of Prayer	29
National Association Day of Prayer and Fasting	23
World Day of Prayer	19
Prayer Studies	5
Attendance	40
Prayer Reminders prepared	511
Prayer Retreats	5
Attendance	21
Concerts of Prayer	0
Attendance	0

Martha Clements, Chairman MSC

Committee Reports:

Nomination:

President	Rhett Butler
Vice President	Terri Martin
Secretary	Emma Jean Mallory
Treasurer	Annette Tomlinson
Missions Chairman	Niria Ammons
Prayer Chairman	Starla Parker
Service Chairman	Cynthia Knowles
Study Chairman	Betty Coxwell
Historian	Patty Cox
Field Worker	Martha Clements, Chairman; Jennifer Miller

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Resolution:

1. Each auxiliary to send \$100.00 per year for the next four years (or as much as possible) for the National Association to meet in Birmingham in 2006.
2. Each auxiliary to send as much as possible to the Shirley Kennedy Memorial Fund (LAMP-Project).
3. Encourage as many as possible to attend State Meeting in Jasper May 6.
4. Make plans for National Retreat in Ridgecrest September 14-16.
5. We resolve that in this day and age of issue regarding gambling and lotteries that we as Christians reaffirm our strong stand on these issues.
6. Give host church rising vote of thanks for hosting meeting today.
7. A committee be appointed to review all reports to eliminate duplications.

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Registration:

1	Pastor
3	Visitors
40	Delegate
44	Total Attendance

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Annette Tomlinson presented Rev. and Mrs. Lunsford with a personal check.
The following WNAC members will be delegates to the State Meeting.

Ethel Vaughn, Sara Hanna, Sara Cox, June Hersey, Sara Poston, Jackie Peters, Terri Martin, Betty Coxwell, Betty Morris, Martha Clements, Jan Butler, Sherry Reynolds, Dean Howell, Willie Mae Barfield, Renae Nance.

Treasurer Report:

Receipts	
Cash on Hand	\$ 23.50
Received and Deposited	4,554.23
Total money to account for	4,577.73
Disbursements	4,535.73
Balance - December 31, 1999	42.00

Record of Disbursements

Alabama FWB WNAC

Dues (97 @ \$11.00)	1,067.00
State Minutes	7.00
State Food	60.00
Postage	6.00
Rev. Paul Creech	
Love Offering	158.00
Account	600.00
Designated Gift	50.00
Mrs. Rhoda Creech	
Designated gift	25.00
State Line Association Minutes	30.00

Disbursements of money sent through District

WNAC operating expenses	170.00
Emphasis	105.00
Co-Laborer	40.00
Pre-Easter	266.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	194.00
Home Missions	257.00
Chicago Land Fund	10.00
Foreign Missions	64.00
Dave Franks, Sr.	33.23
Jeff Turnbough	20.00
Acts 1:8	418.00
Spanish Bibles	554.00
Alabama Children's Home	100.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial	301.00
Totals	\$4,535.73

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Finance Committee's Report

Receipts

Faith Project Money	\$600.00
Love Offering	213.51
Dues (102 Members @ 11.50 per member)	1,173.00
Food - State	80.00
Minutes - State	8.00
Postage	8.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offering	350.00
Balance from Treasury	42.00
Total Receipts to Account for	\$2,403.51

Recommended Disbursements:

State & National Dues for 102 Members @ \$11.00 per member	\$1122.00
Food - State	80.00
Minutes - State	8.00
Postage	8.00
Shirley Kennedy Memorial Offering	350.00
Minutes - Stateline Association	30.00
Love Offering for speakers	213.51
Gift to speakers Account	600.00
Treasury	25.00
Scrapbook	38.00
Total Disbursements	\$2474.51

Report respectfully submitted by Loretta Culpepper, Renae Nance, Annette Tomlinson

MSC

Rhett Butler was appointed to serve on the State Nominating Committee.

A committee was appointed to work with Eastside Church in planning the State WNAC Meeting. Jackie Peters, Chairman, all vice-presidents for all local groups will serve on the committee.

A committee was appointed to review the reports to help eliminate duplications - Renae Nance, Chairman; Martha Clements; Ethel Vaughn

We were recessed.

Morning worship began with singing "What A Day That Will Be." June Hersey led in prayer. We then sang, "He Is Lord."

Tiffany Reynolds from Eastside sang, "He Will Do It Again."

The morning message was by Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Missionary to Mongolia. He challenged us to be involved in missions by (1) praying, (2) promoting, (3) giving, and (4) by going. He asked the question "Have you been called? Wrong question. "What does God want you to do in fulfilling the Great Commission? Right question. We have great tasks and great opportunities. "Don't inch along like a caterpillar, fly like a butterfly."

June Hersey installed the new officers for the next two years. Following the installation the new president Rhett Butler thanked Terri Martin for serving for two years. Asked the group to pray for her as she leads the group for the next two years.

The 2000 District Convention was dismissed by Rev. Frank Fagan from New Hope Church

Terri Martin: President

Emma Jean Mallory: Recording Secretary

Clear & cold.

AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Auxiliaries Committee, make the following report:

Classification	Number of	Membership	Membership History*	
	Churches	(Current)	1999	1998
Churches Reporting	20	2677	2544	2551
Sunday Schools	20	915	959	813
Church Training Service	7	208	187	193
WNAC	10	170	87	92
Master's Men	3	28	8	6

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Culpepper, Clerk, Auxiliaries Committee

*Membership History shown for comparison.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - SLATE OF OFFICERS Date October 7, 2000

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

OFFICERS:	NAME PRESENTLY	NOMINATION
Moderator	Rev. Bobby Ned Peters	Rev. Glenn Poston
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lonnie Skiles	Rev. Lonnie Skiles
Clerk	Sis. Loretta Culpepper	Sis. Loretta Culpepper
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Rhetta Butler	Sis. Gladys Hagler
Treasurer	Sis. Ann Kennedy	Sis. Ann Kennedy
Song Leader	Bro. Van Clements	Bro. Van Clements
Pianist	Sis. Sara Hanna	Sis. Sara Poston

BOARDS:	NAME PRESENTLY	ENDS	NOMINATION
Missions Board	Bro. Earl Culpepper	2003	Bro. Tommy Taylor
Ordaining Council	Rev. Thomas Coxwell	2005	Rev. Thomas Coxwell
Minister's Retirement	Rev. Frank Fagan	2003	Bro. Levy Parramore
	Bro. David Miller	2005	(Nominate only 1)*
Youth and Education	Bro. Chris Mitchell		Bro. David Miller
Children's Home Trustee	Rev. Thomas Coxwell		Rev. Thomas Coxwell

*See excerpt from Associational Minutes for 1998, page 12, bottom of page.

General Board Members: These are turned in on the church letters and listed on a separate piece of paper. (Clerk will give you a list of these nominees at annual session.)

Respectfully submitted,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bobby Kennedy, Chairman; Levy Parramore, Member; Hayward Butler, Member

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS - ANNUAL SESSION

October 7, 2000

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>GENERAL BOARD MEMBER</u>
Antioch	—
Corinth	Earl Culpepper
Cowarts Creek	Rodney Fowler
Eastside	Gillett Junior Ward
First, Dothan	Rev. Fred Hersey
First, Enterprise	Rev. Greg Ramsey*
First, Samson	Rev. Donald Gainey
Goodwater	Rev. Lonnie Skiles
Harvest	David Miller
Howard Grove	Rev. James Osborn
Magnolia	Otho Dykes
New Harmony	None
New Hope	Rev. Frank Fagan
Panther Creek	Davin Vann
Pine Hills	Tommy Taylor
Pleasant Ridge	None
Shiloh	Rev. Thomas Coxwell*
Springfield	Rev. Wayne Parker
Spring Hill	Roy Dixon
Union Hill	Sam Morris
Union Springs	—

*Nominated from the floor.

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, make the following report: There were 25 deceased members for the period September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2000.

Antioch	-0-
Corinth	Ivy J. Yeomans, Ruby Baxley
Cowarts Creek	Eugene Tice, Sallie Fowler
Eastside	Carrie B. Watkins, Donald Arnold, John Louie Floyd, Waunita Lynn; Grace Adams Penton, Essie Morris, Doris Andrews
First, Dothan	Dorothy Hardesty, Kathy Voorheis
First, Enterprise	Bobby Bell, Sara Bell, Michael Snowden, W. Herbert Hodges
First, Samson	-0-
Goodwater	-0-
Harvest	Grace McKee
Howard Grove	Johnie B. Parsons
Magnolia	-0-
New Harmony	-0-
New Hope	Max Long
Panther Creek	Gus Skinner
Pine Hills	-0-
Pleasant Ridge	
Shiloh	-0-
Springfield	-0-
Springhill	Nelson Grice, Ernia Hughes
Union Hill	Earl Davis
Union Springs	Margaret Boroughs

Scripture verse, etc: I Cor 15:19 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." We serve God, not just for what He does for us in this life, but for what He will do for us after this life is over. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the deceased. Rev. Fred Hersey prayed.

Report presented by Rev. Greg Ramsey.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lindley, Nancy Capshaw, Joe Thomas, First FWB Church, Enterprise
Obituary Committee

PLACEMENT

We, the Placement Committee, make the following report:

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: New Hope

Date: January 13, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker:

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Harvest

Date: April 7, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker:

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION:

Location: Springfield

Date: June 23, 2001

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church

Speaker:

ANNUAL SESSION:

Location: Magnolia

Date: October 13, 2001

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Host Church

Speaker:

Respectfully submitted,

Magnolia FWB Church

Placement Committee

Report submitted by Rev. Paul Mallory

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

The New Testament teaches temperance be practiced in all things. Each of us should exercise temperance or self-control in our actions, speech and habits. As stated in our church 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 amusement 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."

Let us strive to practice temperance in our lives that we might be better witnesses for our Lord.

Submitted, First Freewell Baptist Church, Samson

MSC

Report given by Sis. Mary Paul

October 7, 2000

We, at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, make the following suggestions:

Today we are living in a world where Christian principles and morals have almost vanished. Sadly we have slowly arrived at the point where Christian men and women are beginning to accept this drastic decline and have failed to uphold God's standards. First let us define the word Association. Association means fellowship, companionship, a body of persons associated for some common purpose. As found in I Cor. our purpose is to do all things to the glory of God, not for our own profit, but for the profit of many, that they might be saved. We suggest that our churches, pastors, deacons, teachers, youth workers will band closer together for this purpose. How many of your children can name our missionaries, or even the founders of our denomination and our association? Instead, chances are that they know the names of their favorite team players or the names of world famous stars. How many school shootings, how many children's lives, and how many Christian freedoms taken from us will it take for the Christian people to wake up? We strongly suggest that our association stand up for what is right every opportunity that arises with 100% support and we want every person in our great State and even our Nation to know exactly what the State Line Association is and what it stands for. Some may say, "Our association does that," but we ask them; do we do it enough and do we help our sister churches with their battles? Remember we need to do it for the sake of our children. If we don't teach them... the world and Satan will! We suggest that our churches do more to help and lift each other up, boldly proclaim the Word of God, never backing down! To be an association there must be no division. These are only suggestions, it is up to each person to do them. We are in this fight together.

Respectfully submitted, New Hope Church

Report given by Bro. Steve Windham

MSC

MISSIONS:

First Quarterly Session

We make the following report: We met at the home of Bob Kennedy and picked out the menu for the dinner at the banquet. Two meats, three vegetables, and dessert. Dessert will be made by Eastside. Missionaries will be divided up by churches that want to participate. Speakers will not necessarily go to churches as appointed by Brother Rick Cash. The banquet will be at 6:00 P.M. January 29, at the Rehab Center.

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Second Quarterly Session

We make the following report: We thank you and God for the good turn out for the Missions Banquet (283). We divided eleven hundred and one dollars (\$1101.00) between three departments of our denomination plus their expenses.

Respectfully submitted, Missions Board

Third Quarterly Session

We make the following report: Next Missions Conference will be January 27-28, 2001. Rev. Larry Reynolds has a hand out for the churches to respond to their request for a speaker during the conference.

Respectfully submitted, Mission Board

Annual Session

We make the following report: On November 21 will be a Thanksgiving service at First Free Will Baptist Church Dothan, Guest speaker will be Rev. Duane Taylor. This is for the Florida State Line Churches.

The Missions Banquet will be February 3, 2001. Services will be February 4. So far, we have 17 out of 21 churches responded with a yes to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Kennedy, Earl Culpepper, Larry Reynolds
Missions Board

MINISTERS RETIREMENT BOARD

First Quarterly Session:

We are sorry to report one of our retirees passed away since our last meeting, Rev. Floyd Barber went to his final home. His wife is receiving his retirement.

Our financial status can be gathered from Sister Ann's Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted, Ministers Retirement Board

Second Quarterly Session:

No report.

Third Quarterly Session:

No report. No change in retirees.

Respectfully submitted, Minister's Retirement Board
Junior Ward, Eugene Jones, Frank Fagan

Annual Session:

Income has been good. All retirees received a \$25.00 per month raise during the year.

Respectfully submitted, Minister's Retirement Board
Junior Ward, Eugene Jones, Frank Fagan

ORDAINING COUNCIL

First Quarterly Session:

Meeting at First Church, Dothan, on January 8, 2000. Members present were Thomas Coxwell, John Edwards, and Lonnie Skiles.

Motion and passed that we accept Dave Collins into our Fellowship having received a letter of good standing from his church and former association.

Motion and passed to accept Greg Ramsey into our Fellowship pending a letter from his former association in North Carolina.

Motion and passed to accept Jeffrey Lunsford into our Fellowship. Pray for him and his family as they depart to Mongolia for mission service.

Respectfully submitted: Ordaining Council

Second Quarterly Session:

The Ordaining Council met at the Corinth FWB Church, April 8, 2000. Members present were Thomas Coxwell, John Edwards, Ronnie Dobbs, and Lonnie Skiles. We have no recommendations to this body at this time.

Respectfully submitted: Ordaining Council

Third Quarterly Session:

We recommend that Joe Beckon be ordained to preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted: Ordaining Council

Annual Session:

No report.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION BOARD

First Quarterly Session

With eighty-six (86) in attendance, our largest to date, the Winter Retreat was a success! Our Board would like to thank those churches who sent their young people. Bro. Mike Gillock was our evangelist and the Lord was evident in all our services. Many young people responded during invitation time and our prayer is that these decisions for the Lord will be evident and fruitful in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our homes have been under Satan's attack. Church homes are not exempt. The annual couples retreat will be an effort to help strengthen our homes. The date is Saturday, March 11, 2000 at the Vineyard near Ariton. Bro. Van Dale Hudson and his wife, Sister Sandy, will be conducting this retreat. The cost is \$30 per couple with prime rib dinner included. Dating couples are encouraged to attend at the discretion of each church. More information will be forthcoming and will be sent to each church.

Our summer youth camp is set for June 19th thru June 23rd, 2000. Bro. Ashley Culp will be our Junior evangelist and Bro. Scott Wright, our Senior evangelist. More information will be forthcoming.

We make a motion that this report be accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted, Youth and Education Board

Second Quarterly Session

The couples retreat was held on March 11, 2000. Bro. Van Dale Hudson and Sister Sandy conducted the retreat and were a blessing to all who attended. Plans are being made for next year's retreat. Youth Camp will be held the week of June 19-23, 2000, at the Vineyard. Bro. Scott Wright from Amory, Mississippi, will be our Senior evangelist and Bro. Ashley Culp will be our Junior evangelist. The cost is \$98.00 and we ask that each camper pay \$75.00 of this cost. Bro. David Miller will be the camp director, Bro. Joe Beckon is the assistant director. Application, rules, dress codes, and other information will be sent to each church soon. We ask that each pastor review this along with your youth pastor or youth workers. Then share with parents about what their children should or should not bring to camp along with what they should wear or not wear to camp. From our first camp at the Vineyard, God has worked in the lives of our young people. Many commitments have been made at camp. Thanks for each church who has made it possible for their youth to attend. Please encourage your young people to attend this year's session.

Our Board has been in prayer for God to once again do something very special for our youth. So please encourage your youth between ages 8 to 19 to make plans for camp.

We make a motion this report be accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted, Youth and Education Board

Third Quarterly Session

Youth Camp was held this past week. Camp was a joint effort between the Stateline Association and the Southeastern Association. This year we had our largest attendance with 154 campers and 27 workers for a total of 181. The altars were filled and many decisions were made to serve God. The best news was nine salvation decisions for which we praise God. Our association had eleven churches send campers. During the week these campers had a man or woman open God's Word and preach, teach, or give a devotion 26 times. The response to God's Word was very evident during the week. We pray and we believe much fruit for God will come forth from this week of camp. We would like to thank each one for their support of camp and our young people.

The Winter Retreat will be on Friday and Saturday, December 29-30, 2000, at The Vineyard.

We make a motion this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Beckon, Ricky Carroll, Wayne Parker, Chris Mitchell, Terry Sellers, David Miller

Annual Session

Due to a lack of participation and that most churches have their own, we will not have a fall festival this year.

The Winter Retreat has been planned for Friday and Saturday, December 29-30, 2000 at the Vineyard. Ages 8-19. Bro. Rick Cash will be our Evangelist. Please put these dates on your calendar and be encouraging your young people to attend. Applications and other information will be forthcoming to each church soon.

This past Youth Camp was our best attended to date. Our board has had a vision for sometime to have a week for juniors and a week for teens. So we have made a step of faith to go to two weeks. Junior camp will be June 18-22, 2001, with Bro. Rick Cash as our evangelist. Teen Camp will be the following week of June 25-29, 2001 with Bro. Karl Sexton as our evangelist. There will be a need for additional workers. If you have anyone in your church who would be willing to work in camp, please let us know.

We make a motion that this report be accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Beckon, Terry Sellers, Chris Mitchell, Wayne Parker, David Miller

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

First Quarterly Session:

Our new director is doing good as a fill-in until we get a new permanent director. No new progress has been done. (Note from clerk - Bro. Tom asked us to pray for God to send us a Free Will Baptist director and to keep up our support to the home.)

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell, Trustee

Second Quarterly Session:

We lost about three children and gained eight. This makes 18 as of the last meeting.

The Board voted to put up a privacy fence to divide between a rough neighborhood and our home. As of the last meeting the home was out of debt.

Respectfully submitted, Children's Home Trustee

Third Quarterly Session:

No report. (As information, the Director's position has still not been filled.)

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell

Annual Session:

Things are going good. Lady as acting director is doing a good job. I have been unable to attend last two meetings. I am sorry.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Thomas Coxwell

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

First Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	16
Deacons	9
Delegates	59
Visitors	<u>32</u>
TOTAL	116

Respectfully submitted, Corinth FWB Church, Registration Committee

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	12
Deacons	11
Delegates	39
Visitors	<u>13</u>
TOTAL	75

Respectfully submitted, Corinth FWB Church, Registration Committee

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	15
Deacons	11
Delegates	50
Visitors	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	101

Respectfully submitted, Corinth FWB Church, Registration Committee

Annual Session:

We, your Registration Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	17
Deacons	13
Delegates	54
Visitors	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	108

Respectfully submitted, Corinth FWB Church, Registration Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

First Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,081.09
Other	<u>\$2,306.28</u>
TOTAL	\$4,387.37

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Angela Mefford, Sis. Saundra Skiles, Sis. Ashley Brazil

Second Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,888.69
Other	<u>\$3,365.38</u>
TOTAL	\$6,154.07

Respectfully submitted:

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Sara Hannah, and Sis. Rhetta Butler

Third Quarterly Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,398.77
Other	<u>\$2,873.17</u>
TOTAL	\$5,271.94

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. Rhetta Butler, Sis. Shirley Sullivan

Annual Session:

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Association	\$2,816.74
Other	<u>\$2,663.04</u>
TOTAL	\$5,479.78

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Ann Kennedy, Sis. June Hersey, Sis. Shirley Sullivan

YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT**1999 - 2000**

Balance Brought Forward - September 1, 1999

\$40,111.92

RECEIPTS**ASSOC.****OTHER**

Antioch	250.00	
Corinth	688.30	
Cowarts Creek	400.00	
Southeastern College		482.50
Home Missions		482.50
Children's Home		482.50
Acts 1:8		482.50
Youth and Education		80.00
Eastside	1,458.35	
Minister Retirement		1,458.37
Missions Board		54.50
First, Dothan	1,670.99	
Minister Retirement		750.00
First, Enterprise	80.00	
First, Samson	1,053.68	
Minister Retirement		1,053.67
Goodwater	400.00	
Harvest	250.00	
Retreat Fees		250.00
Howard Grove	400.00	
Magnolia	1,135.37	
Acts 1:8		881.55
Children's Home		440.17
FWBBC		440.18
New Harmony	400.00	
New Hope	600.00	
Minister Retirement		300.00
Panther Creek	100.00	
Pine Hills	200.00	
Shiloh	400.00	
Children's Home		353.40
FWBBC		353.39
Minister Retirement		353.40
Acts 1:8		2,032.83
Springfield	400.00	
Minister Retirement		361.50
Youth Camp		361.50
Spring Hill	150.00	
Union Hill	1,200.00	
Union Springs	200.00	
Assoc. Offerings		787.75
Checking Interest (Minister Ret.)		257.75
Dividend on CD (Min. Ret.)		1,581.39
Return Check #1764 to Gen. Fd.		135.00
Missions Conference		1,101.00
Youth Retreat		1,610.00
State Line WAC (Minutes)		30.00
Couples Retreat Fees		714.58
Youth Camp Fees		7,836.00
Totals	11,436.69	25,507.93
Total To Account For:		\$77,056.54

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	4,247.48	
Minister Retirement	6,850.00	
Missions Board	2,919.88	
Youth & Education Bd	13,958.03	
State		
General Fund	457.47	
Fred Jones	114.46	
Children's Home	114.46	
Christian Education	114.45	
ALCAP	228.73	
Designated		
Children's Home		1,276.08
Fred Jones		482.50
Southeastern College		482.50
Acts 1:8		3,396.88
FWBBC		<u>793.56</u>
Totals	29,004.96	6,431.52
Total Disbursed		\$35,436.48

EXPENSES

<u>General Fund</u>	
Bank Charges	79.44
Rev. Bobby Peters (Honorarium)	50.00
Mrs. Loretta Culpepper (Honorarium)	75.00
Mrs. Ann Kennedy (Honorarium)	50.00
State Dues	1,785.00
Rev. Billy Bevin (Speaker)	265.00
Children's Home Trustee Expenses	190.00
Postage	46.20
Secretary Supplies	90.45
Minutes	1,113.00
Rev. Jeff Lunsford (Love Offering)	213.39
Rev. James Osborn (Love Offering)	<u>290.00</u>
	4,247.48
<u>Minister Retirement</u>	
Mrs. Juanita Taylor	850.00
Mrs. Maudeen Bell	850.00
Mrs. Della Brannon	1,450.00
Dr. Floyd Barber	50.00
Mrs. Rachel Barber	500.00
Dr. John Edwards	1,450.00
Rev. Thomas Coxwell	850.00
Mrs. Louise Herndon	<u>850.00</u>
	6,850.00
<u>Mission Boards</u>	
Holiday Inn	327.00
Wiregress Rehab	1,491.88
State Assoc.	1,101.00

Youth and Education

Crystal Hogan	50.00
Amanda Hogan	50.00
Youth Retreat	2,260.00
Postage	33.00
Rev. Mike Gillock	183.50
Couples Retreat	566.00
Rev. Van D. Hudson	260.00
Rev. Joe Beckon	29.22
Youth Camp	9,992.00
Bro. Chris Mitchell	9.31
Bro. Scott Wright	250.00
Mrs. Pam Pettis	25.00
Bro. Ashley Culp	200.00
Jason Sullivan	<u>50.00</u>
	13,958.03

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

General Fund	2,444.39
Minister Retirement	6,409.53
Certificate of Deposit	27,305.23
Missions Board	738.19
Youth & Education Bd.	<u>4,722.72</u>
Total	41,620.06

Balance End of Year (August 31, 2000)**\$41,620.06**

PLAN OF SUPPORT

General Fund	26%
Ministers Retirement	29%
Youth and Education Board	24%
Missions Board	12%
*Alabama State Association	9%
TOTAL	100%

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

STATE LINE DISTRICT WNAC ANNUAL REPORT, October 7, 2000

43rd ANNUAL CONVENTION, March 4, New Hope Church:

Our 2000 Theme, "A Door Ajar," is based on Rev. 3:8 - "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and has kept My Word, and hast not denied My Name." With this in mind, our speakers, Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Lunsford explained to our women their ministry to Mongolia. Bro. Jeff challenged us to support our missionaries in four ways: Pray, Promote, Give, and Go!

Our women had begun weeks before preparing to bestow upon this precious family all we could give them. Even before our Convention when word circulated that their money and groceries were in short supply, our women and our churches responded. Then at the Convention we responded again by giving \$600 to their account; \$213.51 to them personally; and grocery and sundry items along with school supplies, etc. We were reminded that "little is much when God is in it."

Enrollment Report:

We have added two more groups to our District this year, giving us a total of 9, with an enrollment of 132. We are all excited about our increase in membership and praise God for this. The churches represented are Corinth; First Church, Dothan (with a day and a night group); Goodwater; Harvest; New Hope; Shiloh; and Union Hill. The two new groups are:

---Eastside that organized last January and since many of their women were already familiar with WNAC they developed a strong group immediately.

---Women from three different churches in our District all in close proximity to each other banded together to form this next group. Many of these ladies though not familiar now with WNAC have a heart for learning and a zeal to do God's will.

We invite other pastors to encourage your women to join our District in the ministry of WNAC, which is in fulfilling the Great Commission in our homes, churches, communities, and the world. Matthew 28:19-20.

Dates to remember:

October 31 - Provision Closet Shower, Shiloh Church; items needed are listed in the WNAC Co-Laborer magazine; or see one of our ladies.

November 13 - 17: Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

2001 March 3 - District WNAC Convention - Shiloh Church

May 5 - AL WAC Convention - Eastside Church, Dothan

September 21, 22: AL WAC State Prayer Retreat.

Thank you for spending time reading and learning what your District WNAC has done through the Lord!

Respectfully submitted,

Rhett Butler, State Line WNAC President

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Members Added	Number of Baptisms	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers	Ordained Deacons	County
Antioch	1	12	0	0	13	Yes	No	No	No	0	1	2	Geneva
Corinth	3	4	17*	2	79	45	23	9	No	0	2	5	Dale
Cowarts Creek	0	3	2	2	58	Yes	No	No	No	0	1	1	Houston
Eastside	21	1	13	7	329	117	59	25	No	1	3	7	Houston
First, Dothan	28	13	9	2	507	181	No	36	20	0	4	10	Houston
First, Enterprise	31	10	4	4	97	40	30	No	No	0	2	0	Coffee
First, Samson	4	4	0	0	44	26	18	No	No	0	1	1	Geneva
Goodwater	0	4	5	0	141	82	No	24	No	0	1	0	Houston
Harvest	3	3	1	1	142	125	No	25	No	0	1	3	Dale
Howard Grove	6	6	1	1	322	89	No	No	No	0	1	6	Houston
Magnolia	2	0	0	0	62	Yes	No	12	No	0	2	4	Dale
New Harmony	0	0	0	0	40	Yes	No	10	Yes	0	1	0	Houston
New Hope	5	0	2	1	85	39	31	10	8	0	2	3	Dale
Panther Creek	3	0	2	1	106	58	No	No	No	0	1	0	Geneva
Pine Hills	5	1	0	0	40	Yes	No	No	No	0	1	1	Houston
Pleasant Ridge		No Report -			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shiloh	5	4	0	0	72	24	No	10	No	0	1	3	Houston
Springfield	5	3	0	0	145	24	No	No	No	0	1	4	Houston
Spring Hill	0	0	2	2	125	Yes	No	No	No	0	0	1	Houston
Union Hill	2	2	4	1	124	40	27	9	No	0	1	4	Geneva
Union Springs	5	0	5	1	146	25	20	No	No	0	2	2	Houston
TOTALS	129	70	67	25	2677	915	208	170	28	1	29	57	

1st church Dothan corrections made at Annual Meeting by Rev. Poston

(*2 deceased and 15 roll updated)

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, or its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962

Article I - Name

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

Article II - Composition

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

Article III - Representation

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

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

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

Article IV - Admission

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

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

Article V - Discipline

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

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

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

Article VI - General Officers

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

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

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

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

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

Article VII - Boards

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article VIII - Finance

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

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

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

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

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

Article IX - Meeting

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

Article X - Alteration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION By-Laws of the Presbytery

MINISTERS

1. Admission and Standing

(A) Candidates for licensing and Ordination

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

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

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

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

2. His church must petition for his membership in the Association.

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

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

(C) Ministers coming from other denominations.

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

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

II. Qualifications.

(A) Licensed

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

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

3. He must be of sound character.

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

(B) Ordination

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

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

3. He must be of sound character.

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

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

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

(C) Ministers Making Application From Other Association:

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

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

(D) Ministers Making Applications From Other Denominations:

(a) Licensed

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

(b) Ordained

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

DEACONS

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

I. Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination:

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

II. Qualifications

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

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE LINE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

I. NAME: State Line Association Minister's Retirement

II. WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?

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

III. THE MINISTER'S MEMBERSHIP

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

IV. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

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

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

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

1963—John Edwards, Gerald Baxley, Billy Ammons, First Church, Dothan & Howards Grove	2703
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1965—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Betty Bradshaw, Samson and Union Springs	2710
1966—John Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Bell, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Corinth, Howard Grove	2287
1967—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Springhill, Samson	1983
1968—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Union Springs	2320
1969—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, New Hope, Panther Creek	2281
1970—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Cowarts Creek, Springfield	2421
1971—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Ammons, Howard Grove, First Church, Dothan	2410
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1980—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, Howard Grove, New Hope	2961
1981—Jim Turnbough, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Heyward Butler, First, Headland, Union Springs	2782
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1983—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Howard Grove, New Hope	2504
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1985—John Edwards, Mrs. Bobby Kennedy, Miss Ann Jones Antioch, Union Springs	2443
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1993 - John Edwards, Mrs. Rhetta Butler, Miss Ann Jones, Howard Grove	2531
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