

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

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

**HELD WITH:**

**PLEASANT HILL - APRIL 14, 2001**  
**AND**  
**UNION RIDGE - OCTOBER 13, 2001**

**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. Larry Gene Davis
Clerk and Treasurer .....	Bro. Jason Hammontree
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer .....	Sis. Kelly Hammontree
Trustee to Children's Home .....	Bro. Eric Reynolds
Associational Pastor .....	Bro. Otis Parmer

The next session will be held with Lone Star on April 13, 2002 and Barnesville on October 12, 2002.

## **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.

## **2001 SPRING SESSION**

The Spring session of the Ninety-Seventh Mississippi-Alabama State-Line Association met on April 14, 2001 at Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Church, Hackleburg, Alabama.

The session opened with a class song led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Bobby Duncan. Prayer by Bro. Barry Cook. Bro. Jeff Fleming welcomed everyone to the Association.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator, Bro. Jeff Fleming. Roll call of delegates by Bro. Jason Hammontree, clerk.

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

We, the Credentials committee make a motion that all delegates be seated with the exception of Mt. Hope (V). There were no delegates from Mt. Hope (V) and Union Ridge.

Seconded Carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming asked to recognize any visitors from outside the association. None present. Class song by Bro. Doyle Chandler and Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Bro. Randy Key gave an oral report about the events at the Children's Home.

## **APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES**

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:** Sis. Annette Chandler, Sis. Martha Roberts, Sis. Liz Edgar

**DEVOTION COMMITTEE:** Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Louie Nix, Bro. Jimmy Lucas

Dismissal of Appreciation and Devotion Committees.

Special song by Bro. David Sexton and Family. "I Just Steal Away and Pray".

Recognition of Pastors and guest Pastors.

### **DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Devotion Committee, move that Bro. Ray Edgar bring the morning devotion and Bro. Bobby Duncan bring the morning message.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. Louie Nix

Bro. Jimmy Lucas

Class song led by Bro. Bill Rucker. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Jerry Taylor.

AM Break



Class song by Bro. Jimmy Avery.

Bro. Edwin Brewer gave a testimony and devotional. Text taken from 1 Chronicles Chapter 4.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Business Committee, move that the Saturday night service be discontinued.

Bro. Jeff Fleming  
Bro. Larry Gene Davis  
Bro. Jimmy Avery  
Bro. Mike Franklin  
Bro. Jason Hammontree

Bro. Mike Franklin made a motion to table this motion until Fall session.  
Seconded Carried.

### **ASSOCIATIONAL PASTORS REPORT**

I would like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Associational Pastor. I have been to each of our churches and have found all spiritually well. May God always lead your life.

Bro. Otis Parmer

Seconded Carried.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Business Committee, make a motion that all documents dated 3 years or older be disposed of and/or destroyed. All documents will be stored on floppy disk for future reference.

Bro. Jeff Fleming  
Bro. Larry Gene Davis  
Bro. Jimmy R. Avery  
Bro. Mike Franklin  
Bro. Jason Hammontree

Seconded Carried

Special song by Bro. John Fell, "It Is No Secret".

AM devotional conducted by Bro. Ray Edgar. Text taken from Acts 2:1-3.

Special song by Sis. Virginia Carter, "It Satisfies Me". Special song by Sis. Annette Chandler, "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

Prayer by Bro. Howard Sarrell, Jr.

Morning message by Bro. Bobby Duncan. Text taken from Luke 7:11-15. Invitation "It Satisfies Me".

Bro. Otis Parmer gave blessing on food. Dismissed to lunch.  
Meeting called back to order by Bro. Jeff Fleming.

## **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Pleasant Hill Church and their Pastor, J.B. Tice for hosting the spring session of the State-Line Association. We want to thank the ladies for all their hard work preparing the food. We commend you for all the wonderful fellowship and love shown to us all. God bless and guide you all.

Sis. Annette Chandler

Sis. Martha Roberts

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar

With all business complete a motion was made to adjourn.

Seconded. Carried.

Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Gilley Parrish.

Convene for Fall session at Union Ridge Church on October 13, 2001.

## **FALL SESSION OCTOBER 13, 2001**

The Semi-Annual Fall Session convened at Union Ridge Church. The session was opened by Bro. Jeff Fleming.

Class song by Bro. E.T. Sargent and Bro. Flura Shotts. Prayer and welcome by Bro. Louie Nix.

Reading of Rules of Decorum by Moderator, Bro. Jeff Fleming. Roll call and seating of delegates by Clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

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

We, the Credentials Committee, move that all delegates be seated except New Salem, Mt. Hope (V) and Rocky Top.

Bro. Grady L. Knight

Bro. James O. Childers

Seconded. Carried.

## **APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee:** Bro. Keith Williams, Bro. Ben Franklin, Bro. Wayne Williams

Bro. Flura Shotts appointed to Credentials Committee in absence of Bro. Bob Benson.

**Deceased Members Committee:** Bro. Lenn Holloway, Bro. L.J. Prestage, Bro. J.R. Spencer.

Bro. Randall Tice appointed to Ordaining Council in absence of Bro. Edgar Lee Childers.

Bro. R.V. Williams appointed to Devotional Committee in absence of Bro. Jimmy Lucas.

All committees dismissed to meet for business.

Class song by Bro. Clint Cochran. Special song - Sis. Candy Brewer "He Whispers Sweet Peace".

Bro. Larry Gene Davis addressed the Association "Eternity Is Sooner Than We Think".

Fellowship of congregation. Class song by Bro. Bobby Duncan, Bro. Doyle Chandler.

Recognition of visiting ministers. Bro. Jeff Boyles and Bro. Craig McCarley.

**DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Devotional Committee, would like to make a motion that Bro. Lester Isbell bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Hershel Emerson  
Bro. R.V. Williams  
Bro. Louie Nix

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)**

We, the Credentials Committee, move that New Salem be dropped from the Mississippi-Alabama State-Line Association Roll of Churches per their request by letter.

Bro. Grady L. Knight  
Bro. James O. Childers  
Bro. Flura Shotts

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Finance Committee, report a balance of \$3,623.67 as of October 13, 2001.

Bro. Ben Franklin  
Bro. Keith Williams  
Bro. Wayne Williams

Motion Seconded. Carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2000**

Antioch	\$ 75.00
Ballard	100.00
Barnesville	275.00
Bethel	0.00
Fairview	300.00



Good Springs .....	175.00
Holly Springs .....	125.00
Lone Star .....	200.00
Mount Hope (H) .....	160.00
Mount Hope (V) .....	200.00
New Salem .....	0.00
Pleasant Hill .....	150.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	300.00
Pleasant Site .....	150.00
Rocky Grove .....	150.00
Trinity .....	100.00
Union Ridge .....	150.00
<b>TOTAL OF CHECKS FOR 2000 FUNDS .....</b>	<b>\$2,160.00</b>
Balance on Hand (Dec. 2002) .....	3,179.67
State & National Dues .....	1445.00
Printing of Minutes .....	772.20
Postage .....	23.80
<b>Subtotal .....</b>	<b>938.67</b>
Additional Minute Funds (Union Ridge) .....	75.00
<b>Balance After 2001 Bills Paid .....</b>	<b>1,013.67</b>
Total on Hand (Prior To 2001) .....	1,013.67
Contributions For 2001 .....	<u>2,610.00</u>
<b>Total On Hand (Oct. 13, 2001) .....</b>	<b>\$3,623.67</b>

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Business Committee, report that the Saturday night service be moved to Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Jeff Fleming  
 Bro. Jimmy Avery  
 Bro. Jason Hammontree  
 Bro. Larry Gene Davis  
 Bro. Mike Franklin

Motion. Seconded. Carried.

## ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

I thank each Church for the kindness and fellowship you have extended to me as your Associational Pastor. I have found each church in divine fellowship. May the love and peace of God continue to reign in your lives.

I tried to get Rocky Top re-organized but failed. If at any future time I can be of any assistance, I am ready. You have enriched my life. Continue to pray for me.

Yours In Christ,  
 Bro. Otis Parmer



## DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We make a motion to read the names of the deceased members. Bro. Bobby Duncan has been selected to bring the message of the deceased members. We would like to express our deepest sorrow and sympathy of the deceased members.

Bro. Lenn Holloway  
Bro. L.J. Prestage  
Bro. J.R. Spener

Seconded. Carried.

### Deceased Members List

**ANTIOCH**

None

**GOOD SPRINGS**

Sis. Shellie Sartain

**BARNESVILLE**

Sis. Vida Gilliland  
Emerson

**BETHEL**

Sis. Muriel Warren

**MT. HOPE - H'TON**

None

Bro. Jerrell Emerson  
Sis. Maud Williams

**LONE STAR**

None

**PLEASANT RIDGE**

Bro. Wallace Peterson  
Sis. Judy Prestage  
Bro. Emit Anderson  
Sis. Ruth Kelley  
Bro. Howard Sorrell, Sr.

**HOLLY SPRINGS**

Sis. Evelyn Swindle

**PLEASANT HILL**

Bro. Booker Tice

**PLEASANT SITE**

Sis. Minnie Lee  
Edgeworth

**ROCKY GROVE**

Bro. Fred Ballard

**TRINITY**

None

**UNION RIDGE**

None

**FAIRVIEW**

None

AM Break

Re-opened with class song by Bro. Curtis Allen and Bro. Clint Cochran.

Special song by Sis. Martha Brewer, "He Whispers Sweet Peace".

Devotion by Bro. Lester Isbell. Text taken from Judges 6:11-17.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee move that Mt. Hope (V) church letter be accepted to the Association.

Bro. Flura Shotts  
Bro. Grady L. Knight  
Bro. James O. Childers

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Business Committee move that the association be given the

opportunity to vote whether to discontinue or continue the communion and footwashing on Saturday evening.

Bro. Jeff Fleming  
Bro. Jason Hammontree  
Bro. Jimmy Avery  
Bro. Larry Gene Davis  
Bro. Mike Franklin

Continue: 10

Discontinue: 33

Seconded. Carried.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

We the Ordaining Council make a motion that Bro. Edgar Lee Childers name be dropped from the roll of ministers upon his request.

Bro. Barry Cook  
Bro. E.T. Sargent  
Bro. Randall Tice

Seconded. Carried.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

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

Bro. Barry Cook  
Bro. E.T. Sargent  
Bro. Randall Tice

Seconded. Carried.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

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

Bro. Barry Cook  
Bro. E.T. Sargent  
Bro. Randall Tice

Seconded. Carried.

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

Sis. Suzanne Franklin appointed to Appreciation Committee.

Reading of Deceased members by Bro. Jason Hammontree. Message by Bro. Bobby Duncan, text taken from Numbers 23:10. Prayer by Bro. Jeff Fleming.

## **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Appreciation Committee thank Union Ridge FWB Church and Bro. Louie Nix for hosting the full session of the State-Line FWB Association. Thanks for the love and hospitality shown to us, and the wonderful lunch prepared by the Ladies and Gentlemen. We want to recognize how God has blessed them with their beautiful new church. Thanks to all of you and God bless you.

Sis. Suzanne Franklin

Sis. Martha Roberts

Sis. Elizabeth Edgar

Seconded. Carried.

Morning message by Brother Jeff Fleming. Text taken from Luke 17:5  
Association placed for 98th Session in 2002.

Spring - Lone Star

Fall - Barnesville

Appointees for standing committees (see back of minutes)

New officers elected (see back of minutes)

Morning session dismissed by Bro. Woodrow Mathews.

## **COMMUNION AND FOOTWASHING SERVICE**

Opened with class song by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Flura Shotts.  
Special song by Bro. E.T. Sargent "Even The Valley Is Higher Ground".

Message by Bro. Larry Gene Davis. Text taken from I Chronicles 11:23; Matthew 26:22; Mark 14:20-21.

18 participants; 15 men, 3 women.

### Ministers

Bro. Larry Gene Davis

Bro. Bobby Duncan

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Louie Nix

Bro. E.T. Sargent

### Men

Bro. Clint Cochran

Bro. Max Roberts

Bro. Bobby Frederick

### Deacons

Bro. Curtis Allen

Bro. Flura Shotts

Bro. Lynn Knight

Bro. Wayne Williams

Bro. R.V. Williams

Bro. Hershel Emerson

### Women

Sis. Jesmer Sargent

Sis. Carol Shotts

Sis. Jo Williams



## FALL DELEGATES 2001

**ANTIOCH:** Bro. Len Holloway, Sis. Annette Chandler, Bro. Keith Williams, Alt.

**BALLARD:** Sis. Sharon Isbell, Sis. Martha Roberts,

**BARNESVILLE:** Bro. Max Roberts, Bro. Bobby Frederick, Bro. Cecil Norris, Bro. George Childree, alt.

**BETHEL:** Bro. Joe Rye, Sis. Hazel Rye, Sis. Connie Autry, Sis. Frances Eddy, alt.

**FAIRVIEW:** Sis. Peggy Brown, Bro. Connie Brown, Sis. Teresa Allen, Bro. Alfred Ballard, alt.

**GOOD SPRINGS:** Sis. Oma Lee Humphries, Sis. Candy Brewer, Bro. J.R. Spencer

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Bro. John Scott, Sis. Jimmie Lou Nichols, Sis. Teresa Reynolds

**LONE STAR:** Sis. Martha Brewer, Sis. Suzanne Franklin, Sis. Norma Bostick, Sis. Jane Barrett

**MOUNT HOPE (H):** Bro. Dalton Holt, Sis. Carroll Shotts, Bro. David Carter, Sis. Jo Williams, alt.

**MOUNT HOPE (V):** None Listed

**PLEASANT HILL:** Bro. Connie Cantrell

**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Sis. Betty Prestage, Bro. L.J. Prestage, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Hershel Rye

**PLEASANT SITE:** Sis. Debra Nelson, Sis. Paula Lewis, Sis. Dianne Miller, Bro. Lewis Miller, alt.

**ROCKY GROVE:** Sis. Liz Edgar, Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Sandy Burleson, alt.

**TRINITY:** Bro. Bobby Benson, Sis. Brenda Benson, Sis. Helen Goodwin, Sis. Ruth Trimm, Sis. Jesmer Sargent, alt.

**UNION RIDGE:** Bro. Fred Rushing, Bro. Joel Knight, Bro. Tony Woodham, Bro. David Knight, alt.

## DEACONS

**ANTIOCH:** Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. William Williams

**BALLARD:** Bro. J.R. Kerr

**BARNESVILLE:** Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Freemon Nixon, Bro. Fred Stidham, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne Williams

**BETHEL:** Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Mack Sexton, Bro. Henry Franks,

**FAIRVIEW:** Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Hugh L. Carter, Bro. Buster Shotts (Talmadge)

**GOOD SPRINGS:** Bro. Charles Spencer, Sr., Bro. Terry Humphries, Bro. Edward Holland, Bro. Leeman Humphries

**HOLLY SPRINGS:** Bro. James O. Childers, Bro. Jerry Hasting, Bro. Billy Paul Nichols

**LONE STAR:** Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Terry Brewer, Bro. Kenneth Pounders

**MT. HOPE (H):** Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Flura Shotts, Bro. R.V. Williams

MT. HOPE (V):

PLEASANT HILL: Bro. Billy Pierce, Bro. Billy Rucker

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Dewey Crow,  
Bro. Elma Hugh Taylor,

PLEASANT SITE:

ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay,

TRINITY: Bro. Bobby Benson

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

MINISTERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR FALL SESSION - but notified  
Association of not being able to attend:

Bro. Eric Reynolds, Bro. Ray Edgar, Bro. Clay Shotts, Bro. Gilley Parrish,  
Bro. Quineth Haney.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### Addresses and Date of Ordination

Rev. Edwin Brewer	
10912 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593	2000
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. 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. Woodrow Matthews	
403 3rd St., N., Guin, AL 35563, 468-3264	1941
Rev. Todd Kemp	
P.O. Box 163, Tremont, MS 38876	
Rev. Louie Nix	
5355 Co. Hwy. 11, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9120	1964
Rev. Otitis 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. Eric Reynolds	1999
811 Co. Hwy. 94, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-5668	
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	
% Marion Co. Nursing Home, 184 SasserDr., Hamilton, AL	1934
Rev. Howard Simmons	
171 Co. Hwy. 22, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3461	1962
Rev. J.H. Sullins	
706 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2851	1972
Rev. Jerry Taylor	1998
572 Karr Rd., Detroit, AL 35552, 921-7830	
Rev. Randall Tice	
2082 Co. Hwy. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4034	1973

## CHURCH CLERKS

ANTIOCH: Sis. Pam Avery	
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1336 Co. Rd. 15, Detroit, AL 35552, 273-8028	
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BETHEL: Sis. Gracie Franks	
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GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Gail Parrish	
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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. Jo Williams	
25191 U.S. Hwy. 43 N, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2899	
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  
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PLEASANT RIDGE: Sis. Linda Crow  
4001 Co. Hwy. 29, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3730  
PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Evelyn Mills  
5052 State Hwy. 19, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3756  
ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Sandra Burleson  
750 Co. Hwy. 49, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-3729  
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

## **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



CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership				PAID PASTORS			Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute F Dues
		Received	Dismissed	Deceased								
ANTIOCH	Bro. Doyle Chandler	33	5	0	0	5,250.00	200.00	\$110,000	\$94.88	75.00		
BALLARD	Bro. Lester Isbell	77	0	4	0	9,650.00	485.00	\$80,000	0	100.00		
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	184	4	0	3	13,300.00	900.00	\$250,000	70342.88	200.00		
BETHEL		53	0	0	0	7,200.00	3700.00	\$150,000	1582.67	300.00		
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Chad Kivette	180	29	0	0	13223.72	5850.00	554000.00	14000.00	300.00		
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Edwin Brewer	45	4	0	1	6150.00	350.00	\$80,000	8174.07	175.00		
HOLLY SPRINGS	Bro. Eric Reynolds	30	2	2	1	5,300.00	0	144,000	1549.97	125.00		
LONE STAR	Bro. Mike Franklin	40	2	2	0	11750.00	750.00		3700.00	200.00		
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Randall Tice	196	0	0	0	18292.00	550.00	150000	13524.39	160.00		
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	80	1	0	0	15473.00	1400.00	\$200,000	1500.00	200.00		
PLEASANT HILL	Bro. J.B. Tice	60	1	1	1	13499.55	1270.00	150000	5572.50	150.00		
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	214	12	0	5	18200.00	500.00	\$150,000	170237.28	300.00		
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Larry Davis	53	1	0	1	9300.00	200.00	120000	2353.74	175.00		
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Ray Edgar	57	2	0	2	10950.00	600.00	150000	3204.93	150.00		
TRINITY	Bro. E.T. Sargent	38	1	0	0	3990.00	900.00	80000	1960.00	100.00		
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	71	2		0	13545.00	760.00	150000	5392.44	150.00		

	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
202.15	0		4007.19	1	2	3	17		✓	Bro. R.B. Barnes	
	451.70		1799.99	1	0	3	18			Bro. Wilbert Gilliland	
700.00	891.25	956.50	13697.48	2	6	7	56		✓	Bro. Steve Cox	
200.00	1735.86	0	2000.00	1	3	6	30	✓	✓	Bro. Wendell Jan Franks	
208.00	1891.85	2490.25	23601.62	1	3	11	90		✓	Bro. Norman Carter	
269.75	665.32	200.00	8163.93	3	4	4	25		✓	Bro. J.R. Spencer	
0	576.32		3717.33	4	2	3	15		✓	Sis. Jamie Scott	
	758.15		0	2	3	5	38		✓	Bro. Bobby Bostick	
099.66	1213.32		4734.14	2	4	4	40		✓	Bro. David Carter	
	2075.00		2786.00	2	0	11	80		✓	Bro. Roland Shotts	
500.00	116.00		7950.39	1	2	4	40		✓	Bro. Gordon Franks	
787.00	3484.24	109.00	46475.96	2	3	8	135		✓	Bro. Harry Williams	
400.00	657.48	0	2268.22	1	1	4	25		✓	Bro. Lewis Miller	
75.00	1042.11		1080.00	1	2	3	30		✓	Bro. Robert Burleson	
480.00	290.00	120.00	3814.21	1	1	3	25		✓	Bro. Donny Dodd	
783.21	557.40	1705.58	2953.64	2	1	6	30	✓		Bro. Johnny Hulsey	

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 con-

cerning its findings and activities.

- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

### **DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE**

The Deceased Members Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the moderator during each October session. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each October session and complete its function during that session.

The duties of the Deceased Members Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters to the Association for the names of deceased members.
- (2) To cause the list of deceased members to be read to the Associational body.
- (3) To select a minister to bring the message on deceased members.
- (4) To send greetings to the family of each deceased member.
- (5) To report to the Association prior to the message on deceased members.
- (6) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

### **DEVOTION COMMITTEE**

The Devotion Committee shall be composed of one minister and two deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and function for both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) For the April session: To select a list of ministers for the morning devotion and the morning message.
- (2) For the October session: to select a list of ministers for the morning devotion and Saturday Night devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message, and the Assistant moderator shall preach the Saturday Night message with 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.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2002**

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

Bro. Lynn Knight (Chair)  
Bro. Bob Benson  
Bro. Flura Shotts

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL:**

Bro. Barry Cook (Chair)  
Bro. E.T. Sargent  
Bro. Randall Tice

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Bro. Wayne Williams (Chair)  
Bro. R.B. Barnes  
Bro. Connie Cantrell

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE:**

Bro. Bobby Duncan  
Bro. Doyle Chandler  
Bro. Jason Hammontree  
Bro. Edwin Brewer  
Bro. Lester Isbell

Trustee to Children's Home: Bro. Len Holloway

## **CLERK**

### **BRO. JASON HAMMONTREE**

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## FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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



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