

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

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

HELD WITH:

**MT. HOPE - HAMILTON - APRIL 12, 2003
AND
PLEASANT RIDGE - OCTOBER 11, 2003**

OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Bobby Duncan
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Clerk and Treasurer	Bro. Jason Hammontree
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	Sis. Kelly Hammontree
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. Lynn Holloway
Associational Pastor	Bro. Mark Collier

The next session will be held with Fairview on April 10, 2004 and Barnesville on October 9, 2004.

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 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.

2002 SPRING SESSION

The Spring Session of the Ninety-Ninth Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 12, 2003 at Mt. Hope -Hamilton, Alabama.

Bro. Jeff Fleming opened the session and explained Bro. Bobby Duncan's absence was due to a death in the family. Bro. Gary Don Yielding led a class song, "Joy Unspeakable", to begin the session. Bro. Randall Tice led opening prayer and welcomed everyone to Mt. Hope and to the association.

Bro. Jeff Fleming spoke of the loss of Bro. Ray Edgar and asked for prayers for his family. Rules of Decorum and Constitution 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.

Bro. Bobby Benson
Bro. R.V. Williams
Bro. Kenneth Pounders

Seconded. Carried.

Appointing of Assistant Moderator by Bro. Jeff Fleming. Bro. Doyle Chandler was appointed for the position.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. JEFF FLEMING

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Leslie Franks Smith, Sis. Gail Parrish, Sis. Teresa Allen

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Barry Cook, Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Bobby Bostick

Bro. Jeff Fleming asked for each church to recognize those serving our country during this time of war and to recognize our veterans. Bro. Ken Bozeman led the association in a prayer for those serving our country.

Bro. Gary Yielding led a class song, "Some Day".

Bro. Larry Carter came with a special song "There's Somebody in Me."

Bro. Randy Key came and spoke on behalf of the Eldridge Children's Home and its condition.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Devotion Committee, would like to make a motion that Bro. Mike Franklin bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Barry Cook
Bro. Jimmy Avery

Bro. Bobby Bostick

Seconded. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Mt. Hope-Hamilton and their pastor for hosting the spring session. We would like to extend a special thanks to the ladies of the church for preparing the meal. We appreciate the fellowship and warm welcome shown to us all. God bless and keep us all and continue to bless our country.

Sis. Leslie Franks-Smith

Sis. Gail Parrish

Sis. Teresa Allen

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Bro. Jerry Barnes be accepted into the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association.

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. ET Sargent

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Bro. Ken Bozeman be accepted into the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association.

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. ET Sargent

Seconded. Carried.

Welcomed Bro. Ken & Bro. Jerry with a right hand of fellowship.

Class songs led by Bro. Gary Don Yielding "When The Role Is Called Up Yonder" and "I'll Fly Away".

Dismissed for A.M. Break.

Session reopened with a class song led by Bro. ET Sargent, Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Fleura Shotts, "When Jesus Comes In The Clouds".

Bro. Jason Hammontree read a request to be dropped from the association from Holly Springs.

Holly Springs Freewill Baptist Church
to
State Line Freewill Baptist Association

Greetings to all our Bro. & Sis. in Christ. We the church of Freewill Baptist of Holly Springs, do send you this note to request a letter from the Mississippi-Alabama Association.

Yours In Christ Jesus,
Holly Springs Church
Pastor - Bro. Eric Reynolds
Clerk - Sis. Jimmie Lou Nichols

Bro. Jeff Fleming asked association to table voting on dropping Holly Springs until the Fall Session.
Motion Made. Second. Carried.

Special song by Annette Chandler, "Calvary's The Reason Why".

Bro. Jason Hammontree addressed the Association Text taken from I Thessalonians 5:5-8.

Special song by Sis. Candy Brewer & Bro. Edwin Brewer "He's Alive".

Morning Break

Session reopened with class song led by Bro. Curtis Allen & Bro. Patrick Carter "Everybody Will Be Happy".

Bro. Mike Franklin came with morning devotion and testimony. Text taken from Galatians 6:17.

Bro. Jeff Fleming made a motion to close session. Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Randall Tice came and gave instructions for lunch. Bro. Fleura Shotts asked blessing over food and dismissal prayer.

Class song led by Gary Don Yielding "Praise Him Praise Him".

Convened for Fall Session at Pleasant Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on October 11, 2003.

FALL SESSION

OCTOBER 11, 2003

The semi-annual Fall Session convened at Pleasant Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on October 11, 2003. Bro. Bobby Duncan opened session.

Class song by congregation, "I Never Shall Forget The Day". Bro. Cecil Norris led the opening prayer. The congregation sang class song "Standing On The Promises". Bro. Bobby Duncan welcomed everyone and read from Psalms 46:1-11.

Reading of Rule of Decorum by moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan. Roll call and seating of delegates, by clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, make a motion to accept all church letters and all delegates to be seated.

Bro. Kenneth Pounders

Seconded Carried.

Bro. Bobby Duncan welcomed everyone to Pleasant Ridge.

Bro. Edwin Brewer and Sis. Candy Brewer sang a special song "The Blood Is Still There".

Bro. Bobby Duncan gave reason why Bro. Jeff Fleming was unable to attend and he appointed Bro. Jay Sullins to stand in as assistant moderator.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion to drop Bro. Edgar Lee Childers from the roll of ordained ministers according to documents and order of business item number 11.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion to drop Bro. Todd Kemp from the Roll of Ordained Ministers. Bro. Todd has surrendered his credentials due to the reason he has joined another faith.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Jason Hammontree read a Thank You card from Bro. Ray Edgar's family.

With Sincere Thanks

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Thank you for your prayers and flowers.

Elizabeth, Alice, David, grandchildren and all of the Edgar Family

Stood for prayer in recognition to Mrs. Ray Edgar. Prayer led by Bro. Jerry Barnes.

Recognized Bro. David Carter's family and let association know that he is being ordained during this session.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, met with Bro. David Carter and make a motion that Bro. David be ordained into the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association in this session.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Randall Tice took over service to carry out the ordination of Bro. David Carter. Text taken from I Timothy 3:1-7, 4:9-12, Titus 1:1-10, II Timothy 4:1-5.

Bro. Bobby Duncan asked all ordained deacons and all preacher breatheren to come and lay hands on Bro. David. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was given to Bro. David and his family. Bro. Randall Tice presented Bro. David with an ordination certificate.

Bro. Bobby released Appreciation Committee to discuss business.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bro. Patrick Carter, Bro. Donnie Dodd, Sis. Ann Spencer

Deceased Members Committee: Bro. Gary Duncan, Sis. Peggy Brown, Sis. Carolyn Watson.

Devotional Committee: Bro. Connie Brown, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Jerry Barnes

Committees dismissed to meet for business. Congregation dismissed for morning break.

A.M. Break

Class song led by all deacons. "When We All Get To Heaven".
Bro. Otis Palmer led prayer.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Devotional Committee, make a motion that Bro. Ken Bozeman bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Connie Brown
Bro. Dewey Crow
Bro. Jerry Barnes

Seconded. Carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We, The Deceased Members Committee, make a motion to read the names of the deceased members. Bro. J.V. Sullins has been selected to bring the message. We would like to express our deepest sorrow and sympathy to the families of the deceased members and may God bless you.

Sis. Peggy Brown
Sis. Carolyn Watson
Bro. Gary Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Names read by clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree

Antioch - Leom Dempsey
Ballard - None
Barnesville - Maree Boyett Moore
Bethel - Sis. Willene Tesney
Fairview - Sis. Getter Williams, Bro. Clay Shotts
Good Springs - Leeman Humphres
Lone Star - Charles Pitts
Mt. Hope (H) - Ora Williams
Mt. Hope (V) - None
Pleasant Ridge - Martha Ingle, Daniel Gilliland
Pleasant Site - Orville Scoggins, Herbert Stone
Rocky Grove - Ray Edgar
Trinity - None
Union Ridge - Edna Robinson, Marvin Taylor

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2003

We, the Finance Committee, report a balance of \$5,138.94 as of October 11, 2003.

Bro. Patrick Carter
Sis. Ann Spencer

Bro. Donnie Dodd

Seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2002

Antioch	\$ 100.00
Ballard	75.00
Barnesville	275.00
Bethel	300.00
Fairview	391.00
Good Springs	175.00
Lone Star	200.00
Mount Hope (H)	160.00
Mount Hope (V)	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	350.00
Pleasant Site	200.00
Rocky Grove	150.00
Trinity	145.00
Union Ridge	150.00
TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2003	\$2,871.00
Balance on Hand (Oct. 2002)	4,356.27
State & National Dues	1275.00
Printing of Minutes	724.68
Postage	50.85
Flowers	37.80
After Expenditures	2,267.94
Contributions for 2003	2,871.00
TOTAL ON HAND OCTOBER 11, 2003	\$5,138.94

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Pleasant Ridge and their pastor Bro. Bobby Duncan, for hosting the Fall Session of the association. We would especially like to thank the members for the hard work in preparing for this day. Thanks to all the ladies for the wonderful food. God bless all of you.

Sis. Teresa Allen
Sis. Gail Parrish

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion to present a 10 years of service pin to Bro. Ben Franklin, a 20 year pin of service to Bro. R.C. Humphres, a 30 year pin of service to Bro. Randall Tice.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Sis. Teresa Allen presented Bro. Randall Tice with 30 year pin and certificate of appreciation for his years of service.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the State Line Association,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your associational pastor this past year. I would like to thank those who invited us to be in service with and look forward to many other opportunities and invitations to be in service with you. We love and appreciate each and everyone.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,
Bro. Mark Collier

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

I would like to report that it has been a privilege to represent the Children's Home.

I have enjoyed it very much. I haven't spent much time this year, but I still stay in touch with Randy.

I would like to be its delegate one more year to see how good I am able to do for the children as well as the home.

Thank you very much,
Bro. Lenn Holloway

Bro. Jay Sullins brought deceased members message. Text taken from Psalms 29:2, Matthew 11:28. "What Are They Doing In Heaven Today".

Deceased members names read again by clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

Bro. Ken Bozeman brought morning devotion. Text taken from Isaiah 45:5-17, 19, Psalms 19:1-6, Hebrews 1:1-3.

Special song sung by Sis. Kelly Hammontree "Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place".

Bro. Bobby gave an alter call and had prayer.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion to grant a card of Good Standing to all ministers and to Sis. Sue Collier for her years of dedication.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Special song sung by Bro. Larry Carter "He's Looking For A House".

Associational meeting placed for 100th Session in 2004.

Spring - Fairview Freewill Baptist

Fall - Barnesville Freewill Baptist

New Officers Elected

Bro. Bobby Duncan - Moderator

Bro. Ken Bozeman - Assistant Moderator

Bro. Jason Hammontree - Clerk

Sis. Kelly Hammontree - Asst. Clerk

Bro. Mark Collier - Associational Pastor

Bro. Lynn Holloway - Trustee to Children's Home

Appointees for Standing Committees:

Sunday School Committee

Bro. Larry Carter (Chair)

Bro. Mark Collier

Bro. Buster Shotts

Ordaining Council

Bro. Randall Tice (Chair)

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. David Sexton

Credentials Committee

Bro. R.V. Williams (Chair)

Bro. Kenneth Pounders

Bro. Connie Brown

Business Committee

Bro. Bobby Duncan

Bro. Ken Bozeman

Bro. Jason Hammontree

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. Terry Parrish

Bro. Bobby Duncan read from Psalms 9:20. He then gave directions for lunch.

Session dismissed in prayer and blessing over food by Bro. Lester Isbell.

FALL DELEGATES 2003

ANTIOCH: Sis. Sue Williams, Sis. Virginia Palmer, Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Paula Holloway, Alt.

BALLARD: Sis. Ruby Langford, Sis. Sandra Perrigan, Sis. Sharon Isbell, Sis. Kim Isbell, Alt.

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Cecil Norris, Sis. Carolyn Norris, Bro. Bobby Frederick

BETHEL: Sis. Hazel Rye, Bro. Tommy Autrey, Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Leslie Franks, Alt.

FAIRVIEW: Bro. John Fell, Bro. Patrick Carter, Sis. Peggy Brown, Sis. Shelia Bozeman, Alt.

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Gail Parrish, Sis. Jennifer Parrish, Sis. Candy Brewer, Sis. Jennifer Burks

LONE STAR: Sis. Norma Bostick, Sis. Martha Brewer, Sis. Susanne Franklin

MOUNT HOPE (H): Bro. Dalton Holt, Bro. Henry Pearce, Bro. Arvin Puckett, Sis. Carol Shotts, Alt.

MOUNT HOPE (V): None

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Harold Sarrell, Bro. Gary Duncan, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Larry Carter, Alt.

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Evelyn Mills, Bro. Wayne Irvin

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Georgia Galbreath, Sis. Carolyn Byrd, Sis. Ethel Colburn, Alt.

TRINITY: Bro. Donny Dodd, Sis. Patty Cook, Bro. Bunt Goodwin

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Cynthia Myers, Bro. Tony Woodham, Alt.

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. William Williams, Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. Charles Spencer, Bro. Terry Humphries

BALLARD:

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

BETHEL: Bro. Mack Sexton, Bro. Joe Rye, Bro. Max Gibbs, Bro. Henry Franks, Bro. Wendell Franks

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Hugh Carter, Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Talmadge Shotts, Bro. Connie Brown

GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Edward Holland, Bro. Terry Parrish

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

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

MT. HOPE (V):

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

PLEASANT SITE: Bro. J.R. Kerr

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

TRINITY:

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

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

Bro. Jeff Fleming, Bro. Gilly Parrish, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Bill Duncan, Bro. Jack Harder

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Addresses and Date of Ordination

Rev. Jerry Barnes

50066 J.V. Dobbs Rd, Amory, MS 38821, 662-256-5989 1998

Rev. Kenneth Bozeman

18672 St. Hwy. 19, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-5580 1979

Rev. Edwin Brewer

10912 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593 2000

Rev. Doyle Chandler

371 Burnt House Rd., Hamilton, 35570, 921-5532 1994

Rev. Mark Collier

3247 Military St. N., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-1701 2001

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. Bill Duncan

226 Co. Hwy. 104, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4325 2001

Rev. Bobby Duncan

515 Rideout Falls Rd., Hamilton, 35570, 921-4985 1974

Shelia - daughter in cancer

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Grandson - Kade - now surgeon

— John —

— Glen —

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	
6170 Hwy. 19, Vina, AL 35593, 356-3905	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. Louie Nix	
5355 Co. Hwy. 11, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9120	1964
Rev. Otis Parmer	
6953 Hwy. 36, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2444	1957
Rev. Gilley Parrish	
P.O. Box 155, Red Bay, AL 35582, 356-2130	1967
Rev. E.T. Sargent	
324 Tuscaloosa Ave., Berry, AL 35546, 689-4644	1969
Rev. David Sexton	
3691 Co. Rd. 63, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9289	1975
Rev. 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. Kim Williams

P.O. Box 974, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-9244

BALLARD: Sis. Sharon Isbell

2406 New Hope Rd., Kennedy, AL 35574, 695-8346

BARNESVILLE: Sis. Jill Cox

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

BETHEL: Sis. Gracie Franks

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3191 Co. Hwy. 122, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7609
GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Gail Parrish
P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582, 356-2202
LONE STAR: Sis. Norma Bostick
5270 Hwy. 363, Mantachie, MS 38855, 601-282-7220
MT. HOPE (H): Sis. Renae Childers
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MT. HOPE (V): Sis. Anna Kay Holland
17200 Hwy. 24, Russellville, AL 35653, 331-7462
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
TRINITY: Sis. Ann Trimm
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UNION RIDGE: Sis. Karen Northington
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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.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership				PAID PASTORS		Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements
		Received	Dismissed	Deceased						
ANTIOCH	Bro. Otis Palmer	33	6	8	1	4,900.00	0	\$110,000	\$1243.21	100.00
BALLARD	Bro. Jerry Taylor	30	1	1	0	3535.27	400.00	\$80,000	171.02	75.00
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	191	3	0	1	14,300.00	700.00	\$250,000	0	275.00
BETHEL	Bro. Bill Duncan	57	4	0	1	13000.00	2000.00	\$150,000	1500.00	300.00
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Kenneth Bozeman	192	6	0	2	23400.00	1949.00	578932.00	11378.16	391.00
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Edwin Brewer	39	2	8	1	8900.00	660.00	\$80,000	1677.42	175.00
LONE STAR	Bro. Mike Franklin	39	2	0	1	13000.00	700.00	120000.00	651.11	200.00
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Randall Tice	195	1	0	1	21106.05	1000.00	150000	16138.54	160.00
MT. HOPE (V)	Bro. Jack Harder	80	2	0	0	19369.00	1200.00	\$225,000	15000.00	200.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	230	7	5	2	18550.00	800.00	150000	798.14	350.00
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Larry Davis	51	4	2	2	9300.00	200.00	120000	358.45	200.00
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Jerry Barnes	63	6	0	1	11000.00	400.00	150000	0	150.00
TRINITY	Bro. Barry Cook	48	3	0	0	5000.00	800.00	80000	150.00	145.00
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Louie Nix	67	0	0	2	17522.03	1176.86	150000	6361.26	150.00

Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
300.00	0	100.00	2675.38	1	4	3	10			Bro. R.B. Barnes
	613.86		0	2	0	3	30			Bro. Dick Gilliland
1550.00	1297.00	1670.00	1778013	2	6	7	56	✓		Bro. Steve Cox
1700.00	1200.00	800.00	0	2	5	4	30	✓		Bro. Wendell Jan Franks
993.00	3782.00	2779.00	1650.00	1	4	10	102	✓		Bro. Norman Carter
541.42	461.75	0	5255.52	2	2	4	39	✓		Bro. Eddie Barnes
200.00	790.42	200.00	2117.00	2	3	5	37	✓		Bro. Kenneth Pounders
1429.08	1343.20	0	9281.90	2	4	4	40	✓		Bro. Gary Carter
0	1971.29	0	3930.00	2	0	10	80	✓		Bro. Melvin Dotson
933.80	3174.62	94.00	71123.05	2	3	9	135	✓		Bro. Harry Williams
0	949.29	0	3115.00	1	1	6	35			Bro. Brandy Crow
300.00	1134.68	0	7278.92	1	3	3	0			Bro. Steve Sullins
480.00	890.00	0	5500.00	2	0	5	25	✓		Bro. Donny Dodd
1111.59	646.92	1373.52	2309.36	1	1	6	30	✓		Bro. Johnny Hulsey

(13) We agree to do all business by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven (7) members or more.

(14) Any member or minister of the church who talks about his brother or sister slanderously shall be dealt with accordingly as the church sees fit.

(15) We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.

(16) These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(1) THE BIBLE: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

(2) GOD: There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God; infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

(3) CHRIST: Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

(4) THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

(5) THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD: God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

(6) THE SINFULNESS OF MAN: Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

(7) THE WORK OF CHRIST: The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

(8) THE TERMS OF SALVATION: The conditions of salvation are (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

(9) ELECTION: God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ

men become His elect.

(10) **FREEDOM OF THE WILL:** *The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.*

(11) **SALVATION FREE:** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

(12) **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

(13) **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

(14) **TITHING:** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

(15) **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

(16) **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men and the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

ITEM 1: That the Clerk be paid \$35.00 plus expenses for printing of the minutes and postage for association mailing; the Moderator \$15.00; Assistant Moderator \$10.00; the Treasurer \$5.00; Assistant Clerk \$30.00; for their services. The Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them.

ITEM 2: That the Moderator preach the October session sermon, the Assistant Moderator preach the April Session sermon.

ITEM 3: That the body decide where the next association shall convene.

ITEM 4: That our Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.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 April session and October session 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 in October, with the morning session to begin at 9:00 a.m.

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 morning message of the April 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 ex-

penses 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 commit-

tee shall be composed of the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk, and two members appointed by the moderator during each October session. The duties of the Business Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all business items coming before the Association. All items must be submitted to the clerk in writing and signed at least ten days prior to the Associational session.
- (2) The committee shall represent those items of business that merit consideration by the Associational body, to the body for consideration.
- (3) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall be composed of ministers, delegates, and deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the October session of the Association and complete its function during that session.

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all letters to the Association and determine the amount of money sent by churches of the Association for Associational funds.
- (2) To examine the clerk's records of receipts and expenditures and report to the Association their findings.
- (3) To report to the Association the balance in the treasury as of October 1, each year.
- (4) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee shall be composed of 3 members appointed by the moderator to serve on a rotating basis with the oldest member to be dropped at the end of each October session and a new member appointed. Each member will serve 3 year terms.

The duties of the Sunday School Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters from the churches having Sunday School.
- (2) To conduct and coordinate activities among the churches to promote Sunday School, such as Sunday School Day, recognition of outstanding Sunday Schools, etc.
- (3) To designate a member of the committee to coordinate the activities sponsored by the committee.
- (4) To report to the Association during each October session concerning its findings and activities.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

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

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) For the April session: To select a minister for the morning devotion.
- (2) For the October session: to select a minister for the morning devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message.
- (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 2003

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Larry Carter (Chair)
Bro. Mark Collier
Bro. Buster Shotts

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Randall Tice (Chair)
Bro. Bill Duncan
Bro. David Sexton

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. R.V. Williams (Chair)
Bro. Kenneth Pounders
Bro. Connie Brown

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Bobby Duncan
Bro. Ken Bozeman
Bro. Jason Hammontree
Bro. Edwin Brewer
Bro. Terry Parrish

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME:

Bro. Lenn Holloway

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR:

Bro. Mark Collier

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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



