

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDREDTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

FAIRVIEW - APRIL 10, 2004
AND
BARNESVILLE - OCTOBER 9, 2004

OFFICERS

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

The next session will be held with Fairview on April 9, 2005 and Pleasant Ridge on October 8, 2005.

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.

SPRING SESSION - APRIL 10, 2004

The Spring Session of the One Hundredth Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association met on April 10, 2004 at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Hamilton, Alabama.

The session opened with a class song, "I Will Never Turn Back," led by Bro. J.H. Sullins. Bro. David Carter led the opening prayer. Bro. Bobby Duncan came and welcomed everyone to the Association. Bro. Bobby led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Bro. Dwayne Hammontree led the Association in a prayer for our Country's leaders.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan. The Roll Call of Delegates was made by the clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. K.W. Pounders
Bro. Connie Brown
Bro. R.V. Williams

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Ken Bozeman came with a welcome to Fairview FWB Church. He gave directions to the restrooms and other facilities.

Sis. Caroline Hammontree came with a special song, "He's Still Working on Me."

Bro. Bobby recognized the visitors to our association, Bro. Rick Cash, Bro. Ashley Culp, and Bro. Dwayne Hammontree. Bro. Bobby then read from Acts 6:1-15.

Bro. Ashley Culp came and spoke about the Trinity Youth Camp. Bro. Rick Cash came and spoke about Roll Call Sunday, the Nationals, and the ACTS 1:8 program.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. BOBBY DUNCAN

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Bro. Max Roberts, Sis. Jennifer Parrish, and Sis. Carolyn Norris.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Connie Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson.

Sis. Candi Brewer and Bro. Edwin Brewer came with a special song, "I'm Too Unworthy Lord to Come to You"

Bro. Bobby dismissed the committees for their business.

Dismissed for A.M. Break

The Association was welcomed back with piano music from Bro. David Carter. Class song led by Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Stuart Jackson, "Revive Us Again". Bro. Jerry Barnes led the Association in prayer.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Devotion Committee, move that Bro. Jerry Barnes bring the morning Devotion.

Bro. Jerry Taylor
Bro. Hershel Emerson
Bro. Connie Brown

Seconded. Carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Fairview Church and their pastor, Bro. Ken Bozeman, for hosting the Spring Session of the Association. We would especially like to thank the members for the hard work in preparing for this day. Thanks to all who prepared the wonderful food. God Bless all of you.

Sis. Jennifer Parrish
Sis. Carolyn Norris
Bro. Max Roberts

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion that Bro. Jason Hammontree be ordained in this Spring Session.

Bro. David Sexton
Bro. Randall Tice
Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Instructions for the Ordination Service for Bro. Jason Hammontree were given by the Moderator, Bro. Bobby Duncan. Sis. Kelly Hammontree was introduced to sing a special song, "Holy Ground". Bro. Bobby introduced Bro. Dwayne Hammontree, Bro. Jason Hammontree's father, to preach the charge and direct the ordination service. Bro. Dwayne read from Romans 10:13-15, "The Importance of the Call". The text read for the Charge was I Timothy 3:2-7, Jude 21, II Timothy 4:2, II Timothy 4:1-8. Bro. Dwayne called for the endorsement of Bro. Jason's ordination by the laying on of hands and prayer. Bro. Dwayne presented Bro. Jason with the Bible from which he preached his first sermon. Bro. Bobby directed

the time of prayer. After prayer, Sis. Gracie Franks was called to play the piano as the congregation was given the opportunity to come and offer the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Jason, Sis. Kelly, and their family. The Ordaining Council, Bro. Randal Tice and Bro. Bill Duncan, presented Bro. Jason his Certificate of Ordination.

Bro. Jerry Barnes came with the Morning Devotion. Text taken from Jeremiah 18:1-6.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

We, the Ordaining Council, make a motion to table Bro. Louie Nix's request to be dropped from the Roll of Ministers, pending further investigation.

Bro. David Sexton

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Jason Hammontree addressed the Association. Text taken from Acts 2:14, 22-24, 29, 38-41 and Acts 1:8. He closed his message with prayer. Bro. Jason introduced Bro. Ken Bozeman, who brought the morning message. Bro. Ken's text was taken from II Timothy 2:24-26.

Bro. Bobby came and turned the service over to Bro. Ken, who then gave directions for lunch. Bro. Randall Tice said the closing prayer and asked the blessing over the food.

Convened for Fall Session at Barnesville FWB Church on October 9, 2004.

FALL SESSION OCTOBER 9, 2004

The semi-annual Fall Session convened at Barnesville Freewill Baptist Church on October 9, 2004. The Session opened with a class song, "Where the Soul Never Dies", led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Jeff Fleming. The opening prayer was led by Bro. Jerry Barnes.

A class song, "I Never Shall Forget the Day", was sung by congregation and led by Bro. Clint Cochran.

Bro. Ken Bozeman, Moderator, (due to the absence of Bro. Bobby Duncan) welcomed everyone to the association and appointed Bro. Jeff Fleming as the Assistant Moderator. Bro. Ken read the Rules of Decorum.

The Roll Call of Delegates was done by the clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

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

Bro. Connie Brown

Bro. R.V. Williams

Seconded Carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming came and welcomed everyone to Barnesville and gave everyone directions to the restrooms and other facilities. Bro. Ken Bozeman recognized visitors from other associations. He gave a special welcome to Union Ridge's new pastor, Bro. Tom Scott.

Good Springs' Choir came with a special song, "New Jerusalem".

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial)

We, the Credentials Committee, make a motion to drop Mt. Hope, Vina and Trinity from the Roll Call of Churches as per their request by letter.

Bro. Connie Brown

Bro. R.V. Williams

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council moves that Bro. Louie Burl Nix not be issued a Card of Good Standing and that his name be dropped from the Roll Call of Ministers because of disorderly conduct. Bro. Nix voluntarily surrendered his Certificate of Ordination.

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. David Sexton

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council moves that Bro. R.C. Humphries, Bro. Gilley Parrish, Bro. Jack Harder, Bro. E.T. Sargent, Bro. Doyle Chandler, Bro. Barry Cook, and Bro. Ben Franklin be dropped from the Roll of Ministers. All of these belong to churches that are no longer members of the Association. Each of them left in good Standing with the Association.

Bro. David Sexton

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Randall Tice

Seconded. Carried.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:
By Moderator, Bro. Ken Bozeman

Finance Committee: Sis. Candy Brewer, Sis. Grace Rushing, Bro. Clint Cochran

Deceased Members Committee: Bro. Kris Greer, Bro. David Carter, Sis. Virginia Duncan

Devotional Committee: Bro. Jerry Taylor, Bro. Connie Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson.

Committees were then dismissed for their business. Bro. Jeff gave them directions to Sunday School Rooms. Dismissed for morning break. Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Larry Gene Davis.

A.M. Break

Reopened with class song, "It Won't Be Long", led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Randal Tice. Session was reopened in prayer by Bro. Mark Collier. Bro. David Carter came with a special song, "Who's at the Door?".

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Devotional Committee, make a motion that Bro. Mark Collier bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. Jerry Taylor

Bro. Connie Brown

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Randal Tice addressed the Association about Bro. Quineth Haney's recent death. He read scripture from II Timothy 4:6-8.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT

We, The Deceased Members Committee, make a motion to read the names of the deceased members.

Bro. Larry Davis has been selected to bring the deceased members message. We would like to express our deepest sorrow and sympathy to the families of the deceased members and May God Bless you.

Bro. David Carter

Sis. Virginia Duncan

Bro. Kristopher Greer

Seconded. Carried.

Names were then read by the clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

Antioch - None

Ballard - None
 Barnesville - Sis. Blanche Matthews, Sis. Stella Goggans, Bro. Fred
 Stidham, Bro. Freeman Nixon
 Bethel - None
 Fairview - Sis. Corinne Triplett
 Good Springs - None
 Lone Star - Sis. Sybil Harrell, Sis. Jean Bullock
 Mt. Hope (H) - Sis. Vernie Hall, Bro. Jerry Cochran, Sis. Olean Crews,
 Sis. Debra Terrell
 Pleasant Ridge - Bro. Comer Wiginton, Sis. Mae Parker
 Pleasant Site - None
 Rocky Grove - None
 Union Ridge - Sis. Sibber Ray Jeffreys

Bro. Jeff Fleming led congregation in prayer honoring the deceased members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2004

We, the Finance Committee, report a balance of \$5,138.26 as of October 9, 2004.

Sis. Candy Brewer
 Bro. Clint Cochran
 Sis. Grace Rushing

Seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2004

Antioch	\$ 175.00
Ballard	155.00
Barnesville	335.00
Bethel	300.00
Fairview	344.00
Good Springs	175.00
Lone Star	200.00
Mount Hope (H)	295.00
Pleasant Ridge	400.00
Pleasant Site	235.00
Rocky Grove	150.00
Union Ridge	175.00
TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2004	\$2,939.00
Balance on Hand (Oct. 2003)	4,813.94
State & National Dues	1,890.00
Printing of Minutes	724.68
After Expenditures	2,199.26

Contributions for 2004	2,939.00
TOTAL ON HAND OCTOBER 9, 2004	\$5,138.26

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Barnesville and their pastor for hosting the 100th Fall Session. We would also like to thank the members for their hard work in preparing for this day, especially the ladies for preparing the food. We would also like to express our gratitude to the pastors for their many years of dedication to the Association.

- Bro. Bill Duncan - 30 years
- Bro. Bobby Duncan - 30 years
- Bro. Mike Franklin - 20 years

- Sis. Jennifer Parrish
- Sis. Carolyn Norris
- Bro. Curtis Allen

Seconded. Carried.

The Appreciation Committee then pinned Bro. Bill Duncan with his 30 year pin.

Bro. Ken mentioned that he had received a letter from Bro. Rick Cash, thanking the Association for their support of the ACTS 1:8 program. Bro. Rick also wanted to let the Association know of an area wide Missionary Service on October 14, 2004 and a Faith Clinic to be held at the Northport FWB Church.

Bro. Larry Gene Davis came with the Deceased Members message. The text was taken from Psalms 116:15, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:51-58, and John 14:1-7.

Bro. Larry then played his guitar and sang a special song, "I'd Rather Be In A Deep Dark Grave."

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

I would like to thank the Association for the opportunity to represent the Children's Home this year. I have been well informed of their needs and progress. The children are doing fine, both the boys and the girls.

I didn't spend as much time as I should have, and therefore I would

like to have the chance to represent the home again.

I will, with the help of God and the other churches, do a better job this oncoming year.

Bro. Lenn Holloway

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council moves that the Association grant a letter of Good Standing for Bro. Ben Franklin to the Southern Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist.

Bro. David Sexton

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Randal Tice

Seconded. Carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT (Partial)

The Ordaining Council moves that all ministers of the Roll of Ministers plus Sis. Sue Collier be issued a Card of Good Standing.

Bro. David Sexton

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Randal Tice

Seconded. Carried.

Bro. Bill Duncan and Bro. Randall Tice passed out the Cards of Good Standing to all ministers that were present at the Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

I have really enjoyed serving as the Associational Pastor. I thank those who invited us to be in service with them and apologize to those we didn't make it to. You all are in our prayers and we love you all. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Associational Pastor.

Sincerely your Brother in Christ,
Bro. Mark Collier

Bro. Mark Collier came with the Morning Devotion. He started his devotion by reading "A Pancake Parable". The text was taken from Matthew 5:6. "Are You Hungry and Thirsty Enough?"

A Class song, "I'm Never Alone", was led by Bro. Clint Cochran and Bro. Randal Tice.

Bro. Terry Parrish and his daughter came with a special song, "Things Down Here Won't Matter Anymore".

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Business Committee, would like to remind all churches of Item #31 of Documents and Order of Business:

"That any Church changing pastors and/or clerks, please notify the clerk in writing by August 1st each year."

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

Seconded. Carried.

The Associational Meeting for the Spring of 2005 was set to convene at Fairview FWB Church on April 9, 2005, and the Fall of 2005 was set to convene at Pleasant Ridge FWB Church on October 8, 2005.

Appointees for Standing Committees:

Sunday School Committee

Bro. Mark Collier (Chair)
Bro. Buster Shotts
Bro. Terry Parrish

Ordaining Council

Bro. Bill Duncan (Chair)
Bro. David Sexton
Bro. Jeff Fleming

Credentials Committee

Bro. Kenneth Pounders (Chair)
Bro. Connie Brown
Bro. Odean Mills

Business Committee

Bro. Randal Tice
Bro. Ken Bozeman

Bro. Jason Hammontree
Bro. Jerry Barnes
Bro. Perry Peoples

New Officers Elected:

Bro. Randal Tice - Moderator
Bro. Ken Bozeman - Assistant Moderator
Bro. Jason Hammontree - Clerk & Treasurer
Sis. Kelly Hammontree - Assistant Clerk & Treasurer
Bro. Mark Collier - Associational Pastor
Bro. Lynn Holloway - Trustee to Children's Home

Bro. Ken Bozeman came with the morning message. Text taken from Hebrews 12:12-13.

Bro. Jeff Fleming came with directions for lunch.

Bro. Ken asked that we sing "Amazing Grace" as the closing class song. Bro. Tom Scott asked the blessing over the food and dismissed in prayer.

Session convened for Spring 2005 Session at Fairview FWB Church on April 9, 2005.

FALL DELEGATES 2004

ANTIOCH: Sis. Ann Spencer, Sis. Sue Williams, Sis. Dorothea Trimm, Sis. Eloise Humphries, Alt.

BALLARD: Sis. Patsy Hill, Bro. Randy Hood

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Kris Greer, Sis. Carolyn Norris, Bro. James Cutts, Sis. Carla Greer, Alt.

BETHEL: Sis. Connie Autrey, Sis. Virginia Duncan, Sis. Hazel Rye

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Alfred Ballard, Bro. Perry Peoples, Sis. Shelia Bozeman, Sis. Terri Peoples, Alt.

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Candy Brewer, Sis. Jennifer Parrish, Bro. J.R. Spencer, Sis. Jennifer Burks, Alt.

LONE STAR: None

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

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Larry Carter, Bro. Gary Duncan, Bro. Clint Cochran, Bro. Harry Williams, Alt.

PLEASANT SITE: Sis. Carolyn Watson, Sis. Debra Nelson, Sis. Nadine Latham, Bro. Wayne Irvin, Alt., Sis. Sharron Irvin, Alt.

ROCKY GROVE: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Ethel Colburn

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Grace Rushing, Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Cynthia

Myers, Sis. Wynette Knight, Alt.

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. William (Bill) Williams, Bro. Charles Spencer
BALLARD: None
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Exel Brown, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Hansel Taylor, Bro. Wayne Williams
BETHEL: Bro. Maxwell Gibbs, Bro. Mack Sexton, Bro. Joe Rye, Bro. Wendell Jan Franks, Bro. Henry H. Franks
FAIRVIEW: Bro. Curtis Allen, Bro. Connie Brown, Bro. Talmadge (Buster) Shotts, Bro. Hugh L. Carter
GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Edward Holland, Bro. Terry Parrish
LONE STAR: Bro. Bobby Bostick, Bro. Terry Brewer, Bro. Kenneth Pounders
MT. HOPE (H): Bro. O.C. Mitchell, Bro. Gary Yielding, Bro. Fleura Shotts, Bro. R.V. Williams
PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Jimmy Avery, Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor
PLEASANT SITE: Bro. J.R. Kerr
ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson, Bro. Redus McKay, Bro. Steve Sullins
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight

MINISTERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR FALL SESSION - but notified
Association of not being able to attend:
Bro. Lester Isbell, Bro. Bobby Duncan

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Addresses and Date of Ordination

Antioch:
Rev. Lester Isbell
811 Co. Hwy. 416, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-0940 1999
Rev. Otis Parmer
6953 Hwy. 36, Guin, AL 35563, 468-2444 1957
Ballard:
Rev. Jerry Taylor
P.O. Box 33, Detroit, AL 35552, 921-3905 1998
Barnesville:
Rev. Jeff Fleming
1123 Regency Place, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-7969. 1985
Rev. Woodrow Matthews
403 3rd St. N., Guin, AL 35563, 468-3264 1941

Bethel:

Rev. Bill Duncan

226 Co. Hwy. 104, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4325 1969

Rev. David Sexton

3691 Co. Rd. 63, Brilliant, AL 35548, 465-9289 1975

Fairview:

Rev. Kenneth Bozeman

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

Rev. Jason Hammontree

9110 Co. Hwy. 42, Guin, AL 35563, 412-9500 2004

Good Springs:

Rev. Edwin Brewer

10921 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593, 921-2967 2000

Lone Star:

Rev. Mike Franklin

6170 Hwy. 19, Vina, AL 35593, 256-356-3905 1984

Mt. Hope (H):

Rev. David Carter

1301 Hermitage Dr. Apt. 8C, Florence, AL 35630 256-767-8001 . 2000

Rev. J.H. Sullins

706 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-2851 1972

Rev. Randal Tice

2082 Co. Hwy. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-4034 1973

Pleasant Ridge:

Rev. Mark Collier *young red colored - Col/Viscous*

3247 Military St. N., Hamilton, AL 35570, 921-1701 1996

Rev. Bobby Duncan

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

Pleasant Site:

Rev. Larry Davis

2401 Co. Hwy. 89, Vina, AL 35593, 256-356-4992 1978

Rocky Grove:

Bro. Jerry Barnes

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

Union Ridge:

CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch:

Sis. Sue Williams

P.O. Box 2381, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-9244

Ballard:

Sis. Susan Taylor

P.O. Box 33, Detroit, AL 35552, 205-921-3905

Barnesville:

Sis. Jill Cox

P.O. Box 936, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-9140

Bethel:

Sis. Gracie Franks

13766 St. Hwy. 129, Brilliant, AL 35548, 205-465-2321

Fairview:

Sis. Rebecca Childers

12850 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593, 205-921-7665

Good Springs:

Sis. Gail Parrish

P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582, 256-356-4241

Lone Star:

Sis. Norma Bostick

5270 Hwy. 363, Mantachie, MS 38855, 662-282-7220

Mount Hope(H):

Sis. Jo Williams

25191 U.S. Hwy. 43 N., Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-2899

Pleasant Ridge:

Sis. Linda Crowe

4001 Co. Hwy. 29, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-3730

Pleasant Site:

Sis. Evelyn Mills

5052 State Hwy. 19, Detroit, AL 35552, 205-921-3756

Rocky Grove:

Sis. Sandra Burleson

750 Co. Hwy. 49, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-3729

Union Ridge:

Sis. Karen Northington

277 Hillview Cr., Sulligent, AL 35586, 205-698-9023

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

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership				PAID PASTORS			Paid Evangelists		Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute F Dues F
Received	Dismissed	Deceased											
ANTIOCH	Bro. Lester Isbell	36	3	0	0	7,500.00	0	\$133,700	\$1549.67	175.00			
BALLARD	Bro. Jerry Taylor	33	3	5	0	7376.00	1300.00	\$80,000	0	155.00			
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	190	5	2	4	13,300.00	600.00	\$250,000	86752.51	335.00			
BETHEL	Bro. Bill Duncan	57	0	0	0	13000.00	2000.00	\$150,000	2800.00	300.00			
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Kenneth Bozeman	196	5	0	1	32500.00	1166.24	595716.00	16783.85	344.00			
GOOD SPRINGS	Bro. Edwin Brewer	45	9	1	0	8430.00	635.00	\$80,000	751.81	175.00			
LONE STAR	Bro. Mike Franklin	37	1	0	2	13000.00	400.00	120000.00	14600.00	200.00			
MT. HOPE (H)	Bro. Randall Tice	180	2	0	4	22291.95	1000.00	150000	5600.91	295.00			
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	232	8	2	2	18200.00	1600.00	150000	1833.30	400.00			
PLEASANT SITE	Bro. Larry Davis	51	0	0	0	9310.00	330.00	120000	260.52	235.00			
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Jerry Barnes	63	0	0	0	10500.00	350.00	150000	1550.00	150.00			
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Tom Scott	72	6	0	1	10767.00	2375.00	150000	6953.55	175.00			

	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
10.57	299.50	0	3124.49	2	3	3	15				Bro. R.B. Barnes
0	521.00	0	0	1	0	1	12				Bro. Wilburt Gilliland
50.00	1405.54	2944.00	26540.26	2	5	7	58		✓		Bro. Steve Cox
50.00	1000.00	1800.00	12309.85	2	5	4	30		✓		Bro. Wendell Jan Franks
20.68	4308.82	3535.74	1807.00	2	4	15	102		✓		Bro. Norman Carter
50.00	1020.45	0	2610.92	1	2	4	22		✓		Bro. Eddie Barnes
50.00	771.92	0	6777.52	1	3	5	45		✓		Bro. Kenneth Pounders <i>- with Dean -</i>
59.56	1470.00	0	7302.15	3	4	4	45		✓		Bro. Arvin Puckett
72.36	5156.76	0	83608.02	2	3	9	13		✓		Bro. Harry Williams
50.00	1205.94	300.00	3262.44	1	1	6	35		✓		Bro. Jason Lewis
50.00	1134.68	0	5853.95	1	3	4	25				Bro. Steve Sullins
50.00	0	4367.00	0	1	1	6	30				Bro. Johnny Hulsey

church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires the mind of the whole church.

(11) If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church and afterward complain of what was done, the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

(12) The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give report of circulation that may arise again at any church meeting, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

distribute them.

ITEM 2: That the Moderator preach the 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 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 Assoc-

iation concerning church letters.

- (4) To make appropriate recommendations to the Ordaining Council concerning written applications for membership in the Association by churches or ministers.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three ordained ministers who have been in good standing with the Association for a minimum of 3 years. The members shall serve 3 year rotating terms with the oldest member leaving the council at the end of each October session and a new member being appointed by the moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Ordaining Council shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine delegates from each church that has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (2) To examine each minister who has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (3) To examine all ministers who have been recommended, in writing, by their respective churches to be ordained. This examination shall include, but not limited to:
 - a. The applicants willingness to adhere to the Free Will Baptist's Articles of Faith.
 - b. The applicants beliefs concerning Free Will Baptist's teachings on baptism, the Lord's Supper, feet washing, alcohol, drugs, or any other item regarding Free Will Baptist's doctrine and beliefs.
 - c. The willingness of the applicant to surrender his card of standing and his certificate of ordination if he is guilty of walking disorderly.
 - d. To examine the written responses to the Guideline Questionnaire as adopted by the Association when returned by a candidate for ordination, or for a minister coming in from another association, prior to his examination per the Ordaining Council.
- (4) To investigate any charges that a minister of the Association is walking disorderly or in a manner unbecoming to his high calling.
- (5) To investigate, when requested, grievances within a church.
- (6) To examine ministers, who, having been dropped from the Association's list of ministers, which to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examinations and investigations conducted by the council.
- (8) To distribute cards of standing to those ministers who are granted the cards.
- (9) To require that all ordained ministers and candidates for ordination

sign a statement that if they are ever guilty of walking disorderly or of misconduct they will voluntarily surrender their card of standing and their certificate of ordination.

- (10) To provide the clerk with a list of ministers not reporting to the Association each year.
- (11) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.
- (12) It shall be the responsibility of the ordaining council to investigate any minister who is absent for the Spring and Fall Consecutive Sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session and to include a list of all disabled ministers of the association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

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

- (1) To examine letters from the churches having Sunday School.
- (2) To conduct and coordinate activities among the churches to

promote Sunday School, such as Sunday School Day, recognition of outstanding Sunday Schools, etc.

- (3) To designate a member of the committee to coordinate the activities sponsored by the committee.
- (4) To report to the Association during each October session concerning its findings and activities.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

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

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) For the April session: To select a 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 2005

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Mark Collier (Chair)
Bro. Buster Shotts
Bro. Terry Parrish

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Bill Duncan (Chair)
Bro. David Sexton
Bro. Jeff Fleming

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Kenneth Pounders (Chair)
Bro. Connie Brown
Bro. Odean Mills

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Randal Tice
Bro. Ken Bozeman
Bro. Jason Hammontree
Bro. Jerry Barnes
Bro. Perry Peoples

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME:

Bro. Lenn Holloway

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR:

Bro. Mark Collier

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

