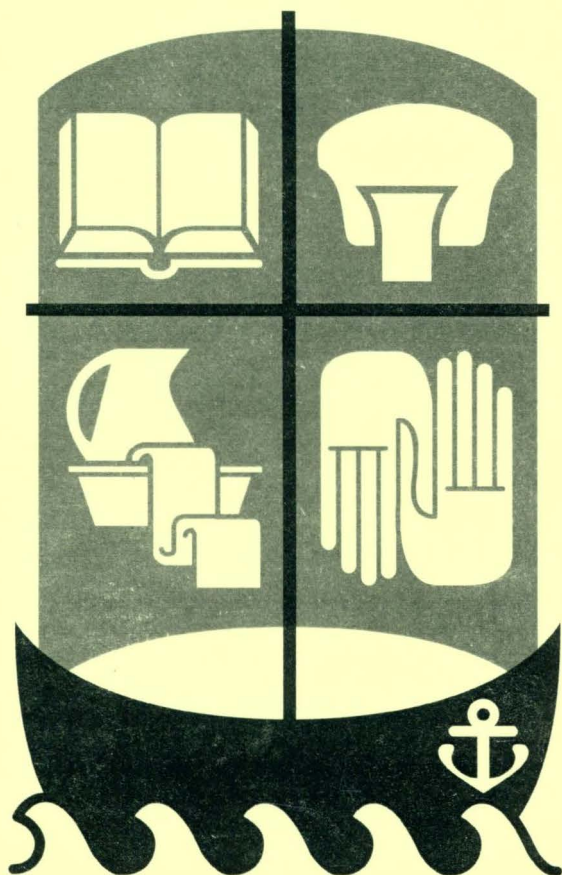


# **Florida State Line Association**



**Free Will Baptists  
2008**



**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**FLORIDA STATE LINE**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**When convened at**  
**Eastside Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Dothan, Alabama**

**October 11, 2008**

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# 2009

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Date: January 10, 2009  
Location: Hickory Grove  
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church  
Speaker: Rev. Dale McCoy

### SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Date: April 11, 2009  
Location: Cowarts Creek  
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church  
Speaker: Rev. Randy Wright

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Date: June 27, 2009  
Location: Panther Creek  
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church  
Speaker: Rev. Lorenza Stox

### 124th ANNUAL SESSION

Date: October 10, 2009  
Location: First -- Dothan  
Scripture Reading & Prayer: Host Church  
Speaker: Rev. Wayne McDaniel

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CORDELL, Rev. Jonathan	MAYO, Rev. E. R
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COXWELL, Rev. Thomas	PARKER, Rev. Wayne
DEESE, Rev. James	PETERS, Rev. Bobby Ned
DOBBS, Rev. Ronnie	RAMSEY, Rev. Greg
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DYKES, Rev. Larry	REGISTER, Rev. Byron
FAGAN, Rev. Frank	TAYLOR, Rev. John
GRAY, Rev. Jerry	TRAIL, Rev. Steve
GRIGGS, Rev. Mike	WARDEN, Dr. Carl

## **MISSIONARIES**

REYNOLDS, Dr. Larry.....	Mississippi
TURNBOUGH, Rev. Jeff & Susan.....	Spain

## **LICENSED MINISTERS**

NANCE, Blake

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

CORINTH	Earl Culpepper
COWARTS CREEK	Rodney Fowler
EASTSIDE	Virgle Hagler
FIRST – DOTHAN	Ricky Cox
FIRST – ENTERPRISE	Rev. Byron Register
FIRST – SAMSON	Janatious Paul
GOODWATER	Lee Roy Shiver
HARVEST	David Miller
HICKORY GROVE	Jim Blalock
MAGNOLIA	Kenneth Joiner
NEW HARMONY	Rev. Doug Carr
NEW HOPE	Harvey Windham
PANTHER CREEK	Rev. Ronnie Dobbs
PINE HILLS	Robert Brown
SHILOH	Rev. Thomas Coxwell
SPRING HILL	Roy Dixon
UNION HILL	Sam Morris
UNION SPRINGS	Jerry Dixon

# **ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman and Moderator

Rev. Bobby Peters

Rev. Greg Ramsey, Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Sis. Jennifer Miller  
Bro. Earl Culpepper, Bro. Jerry Dixon, Rev. Byron Register  
Bro. David Miller, Bro. Harvey Windham

## **MISSION BOARD**

Chairman

Sameul Shuemaker (2010)

Rev. Steve Trail (2011), Rev. Ricky Carroll (2009)

## **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Chairman (2011)

Rev. Greg Ramsey

Rev. Doug Carr (2009), Rev. Jason Miller (2010),  
Rev. Ronnie Dobbs (2012), Rev. Steve Trail (2013)

## **MINISTERS' RETIREMENT**

Chairman (2009)

Rev. Wayne Parker

Rev. John Taylor (2010), Harvey Windham (2011)

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

Chairman (2010)

Bro. David Miller

Rev. Jason Miller (2009), Rev. Jonathan Cordell (2011),  
Rev. Matt Hallman (2012), Terry Sellers (2013)

## **CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE**

Bro. Terry Sellers

# MINUTES

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2008

Eastside FWB Church

Moderator Bobby Peters called the meeting to order and asked Bro. Greg Ramsey to pray the invocation. Bro. Peters then shared from Romans 11:36, exhorting us that our main responsibility is to glorify Christ. It should be the motive of everything we do.

Speakers were chosen for 2009 meetings:

January 10	Hickory Grove	Speaker: Dale McCoy
April 11	Cowarts Creek	Speaker: Randy Wright
June 27	Panther Creek	Speaker: Lorenza Stox
October 10	First – Dothan	Speaker: Wayne McDaniel

Executive Committee was elected consisting of the General Officers and 5 other board members:

Moderator Bobby Peters	Byron Register
Asst. Moderator Greg Ramsey	Jerry Dixon
Treasurer Jennifer Miller	Earl Culpepper
Clerk Jeff Lunsford	David Miller
	Harvey Windham

It was agreed that the Moderator was to line up other speakers in the event any of these cannot attend.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Brother Earl Culpepper.

Present At This Meeting:

Corinth	Earl Culpepper
Eastside	Greg Ramsey
1st – Enterprise	Byron Register
1st – Samson	Janatious Paul
Harvest	Bobby Peters



Hickory Grove  
Magnolia  
New Harmony  
Spring Hill  
Union Springs

Jim Blalock  
Kenneth Joiner  
Doug Carr  
Doug Carr  
Jerry Dixon

Moderator Bobby Peters  
Asst. Moderator Greg Ramsey  
Treasurer Jennifer Miller  
Clerk Jeff Lunsford  
Guests: Jonathan Cordell  
Mary Paul  
Bobby Register

**FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION**  
**Florida State Line Association**  
**January 12, 2008**  
**First FWB Samson**

The meeting was begun with singing led by Rev. Jason Miller.  
“Where We’ll Never Grow Old.” **Opening prayer** by Rev.  
Frank Fagan. “Love Lifted Me.”

**Welcome** by the host pastor, Rev. Bobby Register. **Response** by  
Rev. Greg Ramsey.

Moderator gave his opening remarks time to **Dr. Dan Ireland**,  
Executive Director of ALCAP, who reported on sending a letter  
to colleges in AL asking them to prohibit advertising alcoholic  
beverages at any college events. Also reported on anti-abortion  
and other pro-family and Christian-values efforts in the legisla-  
ture.



Moderator appointed a **Credentials Committee** (Ordaining Council) and a **Finance Committee**: Jennifer Miller, Starla Parker & Becky Dixon.

A **Petitionary Letter** from Hickory Grove FWB Church, Abbeville, has been received. Rev. Mike Griggs is the pastor. The Ordaining Council will report on the status of their petition during that report.

**Rev. & Mrs. David Isaacs** were recognized as special guests today.

**Recognition of ministers and deacons:** 19 ministers were present, 12 deacons. Bro. Jerry Gray, the new pastor at Goodwater FWB Church, was welcomed and recognized, along with our other guests.

**Scripture reading & prayer** by Rev. Bobby Register.  
Eph 6:10-18.

#### **Announcements:**

Byron Register – singing 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. in Jan at First FWB Enterprise. The Brady's will be their special singers. Also, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. in April will be a special day of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done there. The Singing Echoes will provide special music on that day.

Feb 17-20 Revival at Corinth with Rev. Karl Sexton.  
Praise item that Bro. Thomas Coxwell is much improved.

Report of **Credentials Committee**: Rev. Greg Ramsey, Chmn.:  
15 out of 17 churches reporting.

#### **Roll Call of Delegates.**

**Mission Board Report** – Sam Shuemake  
Fri., Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Missions Services

First – Dothan – Rusty Carney

Harvest — Roger Raper  
Sat., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Banquet to Meet & Greet missionaries @ Harvest  
FWB Church  
MSC to receive as information.

**Youth & Christian Education** -- Report by Jason Miller.  
Distributed packets of information to pastors.  
Feb 15-16 Men's Retreat – Rev. Karl Sexton at the Vine-  
yard \$35/per person  
Mar 7-8 Couples' Retreat -- Walter T. Bagby Lodge –  
Rev. Billy Bevan, speaker \$85/per couple  
May 2-3 Ladies' Retreat, speaker to be announced  
Jun 16-20 Junior Camp, Kenny Cousar, speaker  
Jun 23-27 Teen Camp, Brian Williams, speaker  
State CTS Competition – State Competition is May 10<sup>th</sup>.  
MSC to receive as information

**Ministers' Retirement Report.** Rev. Wayne Parker.  
Pastors need to keep track of how many years they pastor in this  
association. MSC to receive.

**Ordaining Council:** Rev. Greg Ramsey.  
Recommend to receive Rev. Jerry Gray into our association. (A  
letter of good standing has been received.) Recommend to re-  
ceive Hickory Grove FWB Church into our association. MSC to  
receive the report.

**Children's Home:** Terry Sellers.  
Teen boys' and girls' cottages are full. Have had to turn away  
teen girls. Discussing building another cottage to make room for  
more kids. Continuing to discuss building a pavilion over the  
present basketball court or constructing a gymnasium. Evaluating  
house parents' and staff pay packages. The 2008 Budget will be  
presented at the next association meeting. Thanks for all sup-  
plies, food items, and other necessities given. Recommends giv-  
ing Wal-Mart gift cards in place of dry goods contributions due to  
limited storage.

**Finance Committee Report:** Jennifer Miller, Treasurer

Rec'd today:	General Fund	\$3,999.63
	Designated	<u>1,893.05</u>
	Total	\$5,892.68
	MSC to receive the report.	

**Registration Committee Report:** Union Hill FWB Church,  
Heyward Butler, Rhetta Butler

Ministers	19
Deacons	13
Elected Church Delegates	36
Guests	<u>27</u>

Total 105

MSC to receive as information.

**District WAC Report:** Wendy Shuemake, District President

“WAC is looking forward to a wonderful year. God has blessed us abundantly and I believe He is going to continue to do so. Ladies, please keep in mind that the District WAC meeting will be on March 1 at New Hope FWB Church [Midland City]. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. The State WAC Convention will be on April 26 at First FWB Church of Dothan. If you have any additional Provision Closet items, please bring them to the State Convention. Also keep in mind that the Missions Cookout will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Goodwater FWB Church. Start saving your money now.

You do not have to be a member of the WAC to attend. We encourage all to attend our various meetings and events. However, let me encourage you to join if you are not a member. If the District officers can be of assistance to you, please let us know. Remember, the WAC is praying for you.”

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Item #1. Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, sent a report:

“Greetings to the Florida State Line Association. I regret that I cannot be there. I look forward to seeing many of you during



the missions conference in February. Thank you for giving \$28,233.83 to the Acts 1:8 program in 2007.

Praise the Lord, the Acts 1:8 programs received a total of \$561,482.23 in 2007. This exceeded our goal by \$1,482.23. This was the best year in Acts giving in the history of the program. Because of the Acts 1:8 program Alabama Free Will Baptists are seeing some amazing things accomplished for world evangelism. All of our missionaries' budget needs are met. In the summer 2007, the camp in Russia had its first services. Hundreds of young people attended and scores were saved. Also, a new church was started in Mobile, Alabama, in April. Over \$120,000 was available because of the Acts program to jumpstart this work. They are now in adequate facilities to go fulltime. We are also helping support five Russian church planters as well as the Krasnodar Bible Institute.

The 2008 Acts 1:8 budget goal is \$570,000.

Through the Acts 1:8 program of 2008:  
the Promotional Office is funded.  
2 home mission works are supported.  
3 foreign missionaries are supported: in Central Asia, Uruguay, & Spain.  
Russian ministries are funded: Bible Institutes, Camp/Institute Renovation & 5 church planters.  
Funds are also being set aside for a new Free Will Baptist Church to be started in Alabama.

Item #2. MSC to designate today's offering to ALCAP

MSC to end the business session.

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago  
I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian  
O I Want To See Him  
I'll Be A Friend To Jesus

Going That Way

**Special Music:** Rev. Jason Miller sang, "The Family of God"

**Message: Dr. Dan Ireland.** Text: Matthew 16:13-17.

"Our society has become so pluralistic that we've about forgotten Who the true God is! It is the mission of the church to declare the Word of God. It's the job of the Church to preach it, the WHOLE COUNSEL of God. We need to lift us Jesus as THE Christ.

"This is MY church, Jesus says." Those churches belong to the Lord that preach the Gospel. We need to turn God loose in our churches and let Him show what He can do. Our churches are not competing against anyone but the devil. We need to work together. I'm glad I'm part of His Family and His Church."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

## **SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION**

**Florida State Line Association**

**April 12, 2008**

**New Hope**

The meeting began with **congregational singing** led by Rev. Jason Miller. The singing was enthusiastic and was clearly enjoyed by all. Rev. John Taylor prayed the opening prayer.

**Special Music:** Rev. Jason Miller sang "My God Will Never Change." Rev. Frank Fagan gave kind words welcoming all the guests. Response: Virgil Hagler graciously gave thanks for the welcome and expressed his desire to have God's blessing on today's meeting.

**Session** was **opened** by the clerk.

**Moderator's Opening Remarks:** Moderator Bobby Peters gave thanks for God's Word. It is both unchanging and we desperately need it in this day. Numerous Scriptures were shared highlighting the vital place of the Bible in our lives: II Peter 1:21; Psalm 119:89; I Tim. 1:25; Ps. 119:9; etc.

**Credentials Committee** appointed: Ordaining Committee

**Finance Committee** appointed: Robin McLaney & Jerri  
Ann Cordell to assist Treasurer Jennifer Miller

**Recognized ministers, deacons, and guests.**

**Scripture Reading & Prayer:** Benjamin Lunsford read II Cor. 5:9-21 from which he pointed out several "Motivations for Ministry."

**Credentials Committee Report** given by Jason Miller. Bro. Doug Carr is pastoring 2 churches – New Harmony and Spring Hill.

Moderator extended the **right hand of fellowship** to Rev. Mike Griggs and the folks of **Hickory Grove FWB Church** in Abbeville. We WELCOME them!

**Mission Board Report** was given by Bro. Samuel Shuemaker. He reported that the banquet and conference were well attended. All costs were covered. Finances pertaining to this event are printed on the back of the Association Treasurer's Financial Report.

Moderator shared report from **AL Promotional Secretary** Rick Cash. It was an encouraging report detailing growth in many areas. MSC to receive as information.

**Youth & Education Board** report was given by Jason Miller. He gave a detailed report. The report was received.



**Ministers' Retirement Board** report was given by Rev. Wayne Parker. He reported that the Board has been busy trying to survey ministers to compile of record of those who have served and are serving, in order to know who will qualify to receive benefits. Two more ministers have reached retirement age and will begin receiving benefits. Churches are encouraged to be faithful in supporting the Minister's Retirement Fund. MSC to receive.

**Ordaining Council** report was given by Rev. Greg Ramsey. He expressed appreciation for all the ministers who serve in our churches and on the associational level. MSC to receive.

**Children's Home** report was given by Bro. Terry Sellers. He reported that they are having to turn kids away. The Home simply does not have enough room. Construction is soon to begin for housing children when they first come into the Home. Another cottage is also needed. A new houseparents couple is on board.

**Finance and Treasurer's Report** by Sis. Jennifer Miller.

General Fund Receipts	\$3,576.24
Designated Receipts	<u>\$1,939.67</u>
Total	\$5,515.91

MSC to receive report.

**Registration Committee** report: 16 ministers, 16 deacons, 54 elected church delegates and 27 guests, for a total attendance of 113. Respectfully submitted Cheryl Sue Cox and Betty Morris of Union Hill FWB Church. MSC to receive.

**WAC report** by Wendy Shuemade. She reported a wonderful District meeting and that the Pastor Appreciation Banquet was a success. Everyone was reminded of the AL State WAC Convention on April 26 at First FWB Church of Dothan. She also reminded everyone of the Missions Cookout, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, at Goodwater. Rec'd as information.

There was no miscellaneous business.



Pastor Mike Griggs announced revival services June 29-July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hickory Grove. Karl Sexton, evangelist.

**Closing prayer** included special remembrance of Dr. Carl Warden, pastor of New Hope FWB Church, who had surgery yesterday.

Adjourned business session and recessed.

## **WORSHIP**

The congregational singing was lively and heartfelt. Prayer by Rev. Jerry Gray

**Special Music** by Rev. Matt Hallman, "I've Enjoyed the Journey Walking With My Lord"

We had the joy of having the **Rev. Tim Riggs**, missionary to Bay City FWB Church in Sims (Mobile), AL, as our speaker today. Praise the Lord the work is growing and people are being saved! He preached a rousing message from Hebrews 11 and spoke about the role of faith in the Christian life, using Abraham as an example. (1.) He moved by faith, v.8. You have to leave some things. People must repent if they are going to come to God. You also have to go to some things. You have to leave some things to get the better things God has for you. We need to walk with God. (2.) He motivated others by faith, v.9. Faith has a way of motivating others who are watching our lives. (3.) He himself was motivated by faith, v.10. He looked for a heavenly city. (4.) He made it through the hard times of life v. 17. Promised a son, but it was nearly a quarter of a century before the promise was fulfilled. Then, he was commanded to offer up Isaac. As we walk with God by faith we'll see Him do great things in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Peters, Moderator  
Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

## THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

June 28, 2008

### Panther Creek FWB Church

The meeting was begun with **congregational singing** led by Rev. Jason Miller. Special music was provided by Mrs. Gloria Hulon. It was a real blessing to all. Rev. Ronnie Dobbs, host pastor, welcomed everyone. Response by Rev. Jonathan Cordell. The meeting was then called to order.

Our **moderator read** from Eph. 2 and briefly reminded us of the goodness of God, and sounded a warning about some of the social ills of our day. He especially encouraged us to pray much regarding the upcoming Presidential election.

**Credentials Committee** (the Ordaining Council) was dismissed to conduct their work. **Finance Committee** was appointed: Melissa Lunsford, Jerri Cordell to assist Treasurer Jennifer Miller. Standing delegates (ministers & deacons) were recognized.

**Scripture reading and prayer** was by Billy Champion, a 14-year old young man from the host church. He read from Eph. 2 and shared insightful comments.

**Special prayer was offered for the sick.** Rev. Ricky Carroll and his wife, Renee. Van Clements. John Hall. Burt Tippet. Larry Sowell. Faye Gilley. Rick Cash.

**Credentials Committee** report given by Rev. Doug Carr: 18 out of 18 churches reported with delegates. MSC to seat their delegates. The roll of elected church delegates was called and 51 were seated.

Our moderator gave a report for **Rev. Rick Cash**. Acts 1:8 giving is behind where we were this time last year. In order to prevent hardships on our missionaries, cuts had to be made to some of the different allocations of this quarter's receipts (new projects, etc.). If we continue to fall behind Russian ministries will have to be cut.

**Youth & Education** report was given by Bro. David Miller. Camp attendance was up this year, and we were awed to see what God did. We had 65 junior campers with 10 salvations and 15 rededications. We had 64 campers for teen week in which we saw many decisions: 3 salvations, 30 rededications, 1 for missions and 1 answered the call to preach. Youth and Education fund will have about \$100 left after all camp expenses are paid. MSC to receive the report and designate today's offering to this board.

**Minister's Retirement Board** report was given by Rev. Wayne Parker who pointed out several proposed changes to the guidelines for Minister's Retirement. The proposed changes are primarily for the purpose of clarification in order to clear up misunderstandings that have come up in the past. MSC to adopt all the proposed changes.

**Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee** reports were given by Sis. Jennifer Miller. A total of \$5203.45 was received today.

Sis. Rhett Butler of Union Hill church gave the **Registration Committee** report. We had 16 ministers, 9 deacons, 51 elected church delegates and 29 guests for a total attendance today of 105.

**District WAC** Report was given by Wendy Shuemake. The Acts 1:8 Missions Cookout will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Goodwater. If you want to do something for missions but cannot go to the mission field you can support the cookout! Our goal this year is \$15,000 with 200 in attendance. The Provision Closet will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at Shiloh.

Our **moderator appointed committees** to report to the annual session:

Nominating Committee:	Rev. Doug & Marjorie Carr
	Rev. Thomas & Betty Coxwell
	Bro. Janatious & Mary Paul
Auxiliaries:	Clerk
Obituary:	Clerk
Placement:	Goodwater



Registration:

Corinth

Suggestions:

Union Hill

Temperance:

First -- Dothan

Dismissed for **recess**.

The meeting **reconvened** at 11:00 for our worship service. Sang "I'm Going That Way." Rev. Doug Carr led in prayer. Then sang "Deeper, Deeper." Those kids and adults who went to camp sang a song learned there entitled "Lord I Give You Me."

**Offering today** totaled \$257.04 and will be given to the Youth & Education Board.

**Rev. Steve Trail**, pastor of the First FWB Dothan, brought **special music**, "Calvary Speaks For Me."

**Dr. Karl Sexton preached** from Haggai 1:1-15 "Consider Your Ways." The root problem in Haggai's day (and in our day) is apathy. Do we want spiritual apathy or spiritual awakening? ). The minute we respond to God, that very minute He will respond to you.

**The Spirit of the Lord used the message and the messenger and the altar was filled as the invitation was given.**

The meeting was **dismissed with prayer** by host pastor, **Rev. Ronnie Dobbs**.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Jeff Lunsford, Clerk

# **123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session**

## **October 11, 2008**

### **Eastside FWB Church**

Rev. Jason Miller led in **singing** "Mansion over the Hilltop."

**Opening prayer** by Terry Sellers. "Heaven's Jubilee." Moderator Bobby Peters asked for prayer for Rev. Rodney Brazil – heart blockages. Several other requests were shared. Prayer was led by Rev. Mike Griggs. The **moderator** then **welcomed everyone**. Rev. Wayne Parker gave the **response**. The meeting was called to order.

**Rev. Rick Cash, our State Promotional Secretary**, reported.

He expressed appreciation to our association for our Acts 1:8 giving, but he reported that, as a state, we are running behind in our giving and cutbacks have had to be made. Mobile mission work is doing well. The Children's Home director was released from his position. The Executive Committee of the State Association will give a report at the State Meeting in November. Reported about our ministries in Russia.

Rev. Steve Trail, representing First – Dothan, gave the **Temperance Committee** report. He cited Romans 1 as a report about contemporary cultural and moral issues. We must stay committed to the Scripture as our supreme authority on all matters of faith and practice.

Rev. Greg Ramsey gave the **Credentials Committee Report**. All 18 churches reported with delegates. He also reported that another church is prayerfully considering joining us.

Standing delegates were seated. Elected church delegates were seated.

The Finance Committee was appointed: Jennifer Miller, Margie Carr, Starla Parker.

**Ministers and deacons were recognized.**

**Special prayer** was offered for our country, and for Geneva County which will vote “wet” or “dry.” The prayer was offered by Rev. Jason Miller.

**The Mission Board** had no report.

**Youth & Education Board** report given by Rev. Jason Miller. Youth Retreat will be Dec. 29-30. There will be a Men’s Retreat and a Couple’s Retreat – dates to be announced. Junior Camp will be June 15-19, 2009. Teen Camp will be June 22-26. We will have district youth competition again this year.

**Ministers Retirement** report by Rev. Wayne Parker. New retirees are enrolled so we must increase our income. MSC to receive as income.

**The Ordaining Council** had no report.

**Registration Committee Report.** Jimmy & Melba Smith, representing Union Hill Church, reported: Ministers 17, deacons 13, elected delegates 55, guests 9, for a total attendance today of 94. They also recommending giving the host church a rising vote of thanks. MSC

**WAC report** by Wendy Shuemake. In spite of the hurricane, the Missions Cookout was a success. There were 130 in attendance and \$14,200 was collected for Acts 1:8. The Provision Closet Shower will be Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Shiloh FWB Church. The WAC Mission Banquet, held in conjunction with the State Association Meeting, will be Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. The district project for this year is to regularly pray for and send care packages to our college students. Sis. Shuemake also reminded the ladies about “Christmas Joy,” an ongoing project to help needy children overseas.

**Auxiliaries Report**—Clerk. It was noted that our church membership is 1,912, up 174 more than last year. We had 37 baptisms, 11 more than last year. (attached)

**Obituary Report.** – Clerk (attached) Following a moment of silence, prayer was then offered by Rev. Greg Ramsey.

**Placement Committee Report** – Rev. Jerry Gray (Goodwater)

January 10	Hickory Grove
April 11	Cowarts Creek
June 27	Panther Creek
October 10	First – Dothan

**Suggestions Committee** report was given by Rev. Wayne Parker, representing Union Hill Church. They suggested that we, as a district, try to make more scholarship funds available for our Bible College students. They also suggested that we make an effort to get our young people involved in our district meetings. MSC

**Finance Committee Report**

Received for association	\$3,142.65
Total receipts for disbursements	\$4,526.68
Total	\$7,669.33

**Treasurer's Annual Report 2207-2008**

Brought forward	\$42,279.58
Receipts	\$52,594.54
Total for Acc't	\$94,892.12
Disbursements	\$55,639.38
Balance	\$39,252.74

MSC to give today's offering to Acts 1:8

**Nominating Committee Report** – Rev. Doug Carr. Recommend keeping all current officers, except to replace Matt Hallman on the Mission Board. MSC to elect by acclamation. Elected to serve on Mission Board to 2011 was Rev. Steve Trail.



**General Board Members were elected.**

**Delegates to the State Association were appointed.** The State Meeting will be Nov. 5-7, hosted by First – Dothan. Rev. Steve Trail encouraged everyone who can to attend the state meeting here in Dothan. Wed. night after the service there will be a mass choir rehearsal. All churches are encouraged to bring your Wed. night prayer meeting there.

**Churches without pastors might consider shifting their service times so that some of our ministers who are currently obligated can help out.**

**Sis. Loretta Culpepper has a collection of old state and district minutes. They are free to anyone who may be interested in our history.**

**The clerk reported that Free Will Baptist Bible College was ranked by U.S. New & World Report as one of the best colleges in America.**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Rev. Rick Cash** read Ps. 85:6 and then cited numerous examples of our desperate need for revival. In the text the psalmist begs God to send revival. Revival comes from God, not programs or preachers. The realm of revival is “us” (v.1) those who were once in bondage and then freed, those who (v.3) have had God’s fury and burning anger turned away! They are the ones in need of revival. The results of revival – people will enjoy the presence of Jesus. Ps. 51:12. The believer there does not lose his salvation, he loses the JOY of his salvation.

Offering today was \$290.00.

# PLAN OF SUPPORT

General Fund	26%
Ministers Retirement	29%
Youth & Education Board	24%
Mission Board	12%
Alabama State Association**	9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

# Florida Stateline Association of FWB

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2007-2008

### Receipts

Forwarded Balance		<b>\$42,297.58</b>
	<b>Association</b>	<b>Designated</b>
Corinth	\$1,082.97	
State Dues		\$135.00
Cowarts Creek	\$405.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
Eastside	\$1,100.91	
Minister's Retirement		\$1,100.91
State Dues		\$135.00
First Dothan	\$4,263.67	
State Dues		\$135.00
First Enterprise	\$400.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
First Samson	\$852.67	
Minister's Retirement		\$852.68
State Dues		\$135.00
Goodwater	\$400.00	
Harvest	\$800.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
Hickory Grove	\$300.00	
Magnolia	\$400.00	
Minister's Retirement		\$400.00
State Dues		\$135.00
New Harmony	\$300.00	
ACTS 1:8		\$50.00
New Hope	\$950.00	
Minister's Retirement		\$400.00
ACTS 1:8		\$1,200.00
State Dues		\$135.00
Panther Creek	\$595.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
Pine Hills	\$400.00	
Shiloh	\$300.00	
Minister's Retirement		\$332.06
Children's Home		\$332.06
Acts 1:8		\$2,055.09
FWBBC		\$332.06
Jim Martin		\$690.00
State Dues		\$135.00
Springhill	\$150.00	
ACTS 1:8		\$87.80
Union Hill	\$1,200.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
Union Springs	\$400.00	
State Dues		\$135.00
Association Offering	\$1,009.14	
CELF Interest	\$1,233.17	
Receipts - Camp	\$24,679.84	
Receipts - Mission Conference	\$1,784.51	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$43,006.88</b>	<b>\$9,587.66</b>
Total Receipts		<b>\$52,594.54</b>
Balance Forward		<b>\$42,297.58</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,892.12</b>

# Florida Stateline Association of FWB

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2007-2008

### Disbursements

#### General Fund

Cliff Donoho	\$350.00
Office Max	\$366.24
Association Offerring - Paige Autre	\$123.10
Jeff Lunsford (Honorarium)	\$100.00
Jeff Lunsford (Re-imburements)	\$334.00
Bobby Peters (Honorarium)	\$50.00
Jennifer Miller	\$100.00
USPO	\$67.00
Association Offring - ALCAP	\$310.00
State Association	\$2,295.00
Terry Sellers	\$750.00
Dan Ireland	\$345.00
Tim Riggs	\$300.00
Karl Sexton	\$200.00
Association Offring - Bay City	\$279.00
Melissa Lunsford	\$17.00
Jason Miller	\$100.00
	<u>\$6,086.34</u>

#### Minister's Retirement

Frank Fagan	\$650.00
Maudeen Bell	\$950.00
Della Brannon	\$1,550.00
Rachel Barber	\$650.00
Thelma Edwards	\$1,000.00
Bobby Peters	\$625.00
Bobby Register	\$500.00
Doug Carr	\$375.00
Thomas Coxwell	\$1,525.00
Paul Mallory	\$1,475.00
Saundra Skiles	\$650.00
	<u>\$9,950.00</u>

#### Missions

ACTS 1:8	\$1,200.00
Country Foods	\$1,161.39
Harvest (Honorarium)	\$200.00
Abby Drinkwater	\$25.00
Best Western	<u>\$1,092.96</u>
	<u>\$3,679.35</u>

#### Youth & Education

Wal - Mart	\$294.68
Jeremy Overstreet	\$650.00
Karl Sexton	\$602.00
A Plus Screen	\$1,027.33
David Miller	\$275.00
Billy Bevan	\$236.00
George T. Bagby	\$2,114.77
Corinth	\$60.00
B&B Inflatables	\$650.00
1st Dothan	\$202.58
Kenny Cousar	\$525.00
Emily Pettis	\$105.00
The Vineyard	\$21,291.00
Jason Miller	\$110.00
Ashley Brazil	\$100.00
Brian Williams	\$1,060.00
Ben Lunsford	\$50.00
Sam's	\$500.00
	<u>\$29,853.36</u>

#### State Co-Operative Plan

Designated	\$4,870.24
New Hope ACTS 1:8	\$1,200.00
	<u>\$6,070.24</u>

Brought Forward From 2007	\$42,297.58
Receipts	\$52,594.54
Total to Account for	\$94,892.12
Disbursements	\$55,639.38
Balance	\$39,252.74



# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

## SUMMARY GAINS / LOSSES

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Gain/Loss</b>
Churches reporting	16*	18	+2*
Membership	1783	1912	+174
Sunday Schools	16*	18	2
Membership	772	762	-10
Church Training Service	5	5	0
Membership	159	158	-1
WAC	8	9	+1
Membership	96	103	+7
Master's Men	1	1	0
Membership	20	20	0

\*1 church did not make an annual report for 2007

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Church	County	Baptism	Mbrs Added	Mbrs Lost	Deceased	Total Mbrshp
Corinth	Dale	6	2	6	3	71
Cowarts Creek	Houston	4	13	3	1	63
Eastside	Houston	2	7	27	3	291
1st Dothan	Houston	8	7	11	1	255
1st Enterprise	Coffee	0	1	0	0	83
1st Samson	Geneva	0	0	0	0	34
Goodwater	Houston	2	5	3	3	160
Harvest	Dale	5	4	0	0	149
Hickory Grove	Henry	2	2	0	0	41
Magnolia	Dale	0	0	3	1	68
New Harmony	Houston	0	0	0	1	52
New Hope	Dale	0	1	1	1	83
Panther Creek	Geneva	4	0	0	0	126
Pine Hills	Houston	2	2	1	1	70
Shiloh	Houston	0	0	0	0	87
Spring Hill	Houston	1	2	0	0	40
Union Hill	Geneva	1	2	0	0	101
Union Spings	Houston	0	3	0	0	138
Total 2008		37	59	55	15	1912
Total 2007		26	38	44	12	1738
Gain/Loss		+11	+21	+11	-3	+174



# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Sunday School	C.T.S.	W.A.C.	Master's Men	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons
50	0	6	0	2	0	6
36	0	0	0	1	0	6
50	8	10	0	1	0	3
193	85	25	20	2	0	11
20	0	0	0	2	0	2
21	12	0	0	1	0	1
85	0	12	0	1	0	0
70	0	15	0	2	1	3
26	0	10	0	1	1	3
15	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	0	0	0	1	0	0
42	33	12	0	3	0	3
58	0	0	0	1	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	0	6	0	1	0	2
12	0	0	0	1	0	1
27	20	7	0	1	0	3
20	0	0	0	2	0	1
762	158	103	20	24	3	46
772	159	96	20	23	1	38
-10	-1	+7	0	+1	+2	+8

# OBITUARY REPORT

Corinth	Louise Outlaw Todd Horne Byron Mallory
Cowarts Creek	Renee Carroll
Eastside	Frances Adams Stanton Rudolph Duke John Hall
First—Dothan	Stephan Woodham
Goodwater	Raymond Shiver Coot Jones Rudolph Peters
Magnolia	Frances Mims
New Harmony	Barbara Sue Daugherty
New Hope	Eugene Jones
Pine Hills	Donald Smith

# LOCAL CHURCHES & OFFICERS

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
<b>Corinth</b> 40 County Rd. 513 Midland City, AL 36350 <a href="http://www.corinthfreewill.com">www.corinthfreewill.com</a>	Rev. Jason Miller	Linda Stevens
<b>Cowarts Creek</b> 2360 Lucy Grade Rd. Ashford, AL 36312 (334) 691-3920	Rev. Ricky Carroll	Carrie Jernigan
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<b>Goodwater</b> 41 State Hwy. 103 Newton, AL 36352	Rev. Jerry Gray	Laurie Sellers

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Jeff Daugherty

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Dr. Carl Warden

Wendy Shuemaker

**Panther Creek**

2004 State Hwy. 103  
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Rev. Ronnie Dobbs

Carolyn Hulon

**Pine Hills**

2551 Third Ave.  
Dohan, AL 36301

Lynn Brown

**Shiloh**

9376 E. County Rd. 22  
Columbia, AL 36319

Rev. Thomas Coxwell

Brenda Lewis

**Spring Hill**

2763 Spring Hill Church Rd.  
Gordon, AL 36343

Rev. Doug Carr

Maxine Harper

**Union Hill**  
1125 Union Hill Rd.  
Slocomb, AL 36375

Rev. Wayne Parker

Rhetta Butler

**Union Springs**  
3751 E. Cook Rd.  
Pansey, AL 36370

Rev. John Taylor

Lennie Sewell

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1962**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

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

#### **ARTICLE II – COMPOSITION**

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

#### **ARTICLE III - REPRESENTATION**

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE IV – ADMISSION**

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



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

#### **ARTICLE V – DISCIPLINE**

**SECTION I: (Duties)** Any church who shall fail to attend three (3) successive sessions and whosoever shall be generally remiss, and whosoever shall fail to conform to the practices and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and whosoever shall fail to comply with the rules, regulations and decisions of this Association shall be subject to discipline and exclusion.

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

#### **ARTICLE VI – GENERAL OFFICERS**

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

**SECTION II: (Duties of Moderator)** The Moderator shall preside over all sessions and shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee, and shall be an ex officio member of all boards and committees. The Moderator shall represent the Association on the Alabama State Association General Board.

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE VII – BOARDS**

**SECTION I: (Standing Boards)** Standing boards of the Association shall include the General Board, Executive Committee, Mission Board, Board of Ministers' Retirement, Ordaining Council, and Youth & Education Board.

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

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

**SECTION V: (Executive Committee)** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members of the

General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association.

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

#### **ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE**

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

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

**SECTION III: (Disbursements)** All disbursements shall be made by check and all checks shall be signed by the Moderator and the Treasurer.

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

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

#### **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

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

#### **ARTICLE X – ALTERATION**

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

# **BY-LAWS**

## **of the**

# **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION**

### **Adopted April 7, 1962**

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order.
4. The associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.
5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the Annual Session.
6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.
7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and was feet at least once a year.
8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be overruled.
9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
10. No member shall absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.
11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice, on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.
12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.
13. Ministers pastoring in the Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists must be in good standing with a local association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. A minister pasturing in the Florida State Line Association, and his wife, if married, must not have two living wives or husbands. Any church in the Florida State Line Association that calls a pastor not meeting the above qualification will automatically be out of fellowship with the Florida State Line Association. (Anyone who has been divorced and remarried is considered as having two living wives or husbands.)
14. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-third vote of members present, provided the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.



# **BY-LAWS**

## **of the**

# **PRESBYTERY**

### **MINISTERS**

#### **I. Admission and Standing**

##### **A. Candidates for licensing and ordination**

1. An individual shall first unite with a church that is a member of the Association
2. This church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for licensing and ordination of its candidate.

##### **B. Ordained and Licensed Ministers coming from another Association**

1. He must unite with a church in the Florida State Line Association.
2. His church must petition for him membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.
3. Any church who calls a pastor who does not wish to unite with the Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

##### **C. Ministers coming from other denominations**

1. He must first unite with a church in the Florida State Line Association.
2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association.

#### **II. Qualifications**

##### **Licensed**

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.
2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or the candidates' wife must not have more than one living husband.
3. He must be of solid character.
4. He must abstain from the use of any alcoholic beverages and/or the use of tobacco.

##### **B. Ordination**

1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.
2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or the candidate's wife must not have more than one living husband.
3. He must be of sound character.

4. He must abstain from the use of any alcoholic beverages and/or the use of tobacco.
  5. He must hold license for not less than one year before applying for ordination.
  6. He must be called to a Christian work or be presently enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College and completed at least one year before applying for ordination.
- C. Ministers Making Application from other Associations
1. Must present license or ordination certificate to the Ordaining Council for ratification by the Council
  2. He must present a letter of recommendation from the Association from which he comes, or from his licensing body, which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists, which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, provided he was licensed or ordained by this licensing body.
- D. Ministers Making Application from other Denominations
- a. Licensed
    1. Must surrender license from denomination of which he was previously a member.
    2. Must hold FWB license for one year before ordination.
    3. He must answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.
  - b. Ordained
    1. Must have ordination papers ratified by Ordaining Council.
    2. Must answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council for ordination.
    3. He will not be re-ordained, but upon approval of the Ordaining Council, he will be granted a FWB Ordination Certificate.

## DEACONS

A local church is allowed to examine and ordain its own deacons if it so chooses, or send them to the Association if they so desire.

### Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination

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

### II. Qualifications

He must be of sound character.

He must be the husband of one wife and the candidate's wife must be the wife of one husband.

He must believe and practice FWB doctrine.



# GUIDELINES for the FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

- I. NAME: Florida State Line Association Minister's Retirement
- II. WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?
- Any minister who has attained sixty-five (65) years of age and has pastured or is pasturing a church in the Florida State Line Association for a minimum of five (5) years.
- The minister's time will begin on the date he starts pasturing a church in the Florida State Line Association which supports the Association with regular offerings. This does not include any time as an interim pastor.
- The church has contributed to the Board of Minister's Retirement regularly, either through the Associations Co-operative Plan or directly to the Board of Retirement for at least five (5) years.
- The minister does not have to cease pasturing in order to be eligible for benefits.
- The minister who is drawing retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to draw his retirement, providing she is at least sixty-five (65) years of age, or disabled, and fifty-five (55) years of age or older.
- Any minister who has reached the age of fifty-five (55) and becomes physically disabled to perform his pastoral duties may apply for retirement benefits if he has fulfilled all other requirements.
- III. THE MINISTER'S MEMBERSHIP:
- The minister who has reached the age of retirement or becomes disabled must maintain membership in a local Free Will Baptist church which is affiliated with the local, state and National associations of Free Will Baptists.
- If the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist church outside the Florida State Line Association, that church of the FWB Association in which he is affiliated, must submit a **letter of good standing** to the Florida State Line Association **each year** stating that fact.
- IV. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:
- The retiring or disabled minister must have his church submit an application to the Florida State Line Association for approval before he receives any benefits.
- Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:
- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 5-10 years pastoring    | \$50.00 per month  |
| 10-15 years pastoring   | \$75.00 per month  |
| 15-20 years pastoring   | \$100.00 per month |
| Over 20 years pasturing | \$125.00 per month |

- C. If funds are not available all retirees benefits shall be prorated.
  - D. A Christmas bonus of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be given each December.
- Pastoring outside the Florida State Line Association will not be used in calculating benefits.
- F The retired ministers shall be governed by the Florida State Line Association Presbytery's rules.
- The retirees are urged to attend all Associational meetings.
- These guidelines will not affect those who are already receiving retirement benefits.

**(As amended June 28, 2008)**

# HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

YEAR	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PLACE HELD	# MEM
1886	D.L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Same	Howard Grove	449
1887	D.L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Same	Beulah	557
1888	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Macedonia	403
1889	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Friendship	516
1890	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Lovewood	448
1891	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Prospect	339
1892	R.M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Same	Silver Run	444
1893	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Hickory Grove	456
1894	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	Same	Springhill	422
1895	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	Same	Pittman Grove	503
1896	Calvin Dykes	J.D. Stephens	Same	Howard Grove	568
1897	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	New Hope	653
1898	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D.L. Chandler	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Prospect	671
1900	G.W. Cherry	J.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Free Will Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Union Springs	947
1903	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Hickory Grove	786
1904	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Howard Grove	786
1905	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	G.L. Love	Springfield	958
1907	R.L. Hunter	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Free Will Rest	1315
1910	D.L. Chandler	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Silver Run	1365
1911	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	New Life	1442
1912	D.L. Chandler	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Pitman Creek	1447
1913	J.M. Murdock	J.W.D. Stephens	R.L. Hunter	Springhill	1462
1914	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	H.G. Green	Union Springs	1553
1915	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	1721
1916	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	1611
1917	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	Long Branch	1715
1918	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	W.H. Hayes	Magnolia	1456
1919	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	New Hope	1656
1920	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Prospect	1804
1921	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Howard Grove	2004
1922	G.W. Cherry	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Pleasant Home	2043
1923	J.D. Stephens	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	New Harmony	2039
1924	J.C. Howell	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Corinth	2094
1925	J.C. Ingram	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Magnolia	2042
1926	G.W. Cherry	C.B. Green	R.B. Robinson	Springfield	2392
1927	J.J. Bureshaw	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Hickory Grove	2344
1928	W.S. Cook	J.W.D. Stephens	R.B. Robinson	Prospect	2229
1929	J.W.D. Stephens	C.B. Green	R.B. Robinson	Rocky Grove	2875
1930	J.W.D. Stephens	C.B. Green	R.B. Robinson	Union Springs	2450
1931	J.W.D. Stephens	C.B. Green	R.B. Robinson	Howard Grove	2323
1932	J.W.D. Stephens	C.B. Green	R.B. Robinson	Free Will Rest	2374
1933	A.H. Godfrey	C.B. Green	A.J. Granger	Springhill	2360

1934	A.H. Godfrey	C.B. Green	A.J. Granger	Shiloh	2539
1935	W.S. Cook	C.B. Green	A.J. Granger	Pleasant Home	2495
1936	A.H. Godfrey	C.B. Green	A.J. Granger	New Harmony	2479
1937	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	A.J. Granger	Corinth	2447
1938	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Prospect	2536
1939	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	2619
1941	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	2853
1942	J.C. Howell	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Pleasant Home	2672
1943	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	2727
1944	G.W. Nobles	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Howard Grove	2788
1945	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Union Springs	2717
1946	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Cedar Grove	2756
1947	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Springfield	2756
1948	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Springhill	2743
1949	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	New Harmony	2760
1950	G.H. Jordan	C.B. Green	J.W.D. Stephens	Prospect & Pleasant Ridge	3083
1951	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	D.W. Poole	Pleasant Home & Pittman Creek	2761
1952	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	D.W. Poole	Howard Grove & Cowarts Creek	2747
1953	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Springfield & Union Springs	2663
1954	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Corinth & Mag- nolia	2577
1955	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	Pleasant Ridge & Grangerburg	2527
1956	G.H. Jordan	Mary Edna Cook	A.C. Womack	New Harmony & Springfield	2476
1957	G.H. Jordan	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Shiloh & New Hope	2402
1958	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	First Ch-Dothan Pleasant Home	2415
1959	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Springfield & Union Springs	2493
1960	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Howard Grove & Corinth	2540
1961	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	David Rabon	Union Hill & Cowarts Creek	2919
1962	Ralph Bell	Gerald Baxley	David Rabon	Pittman Creek & Panther Creek	2872
1963	John Edwards	Gerald Baxley	Billy Ammons	First Ch, Dothan & How- ard Grove	2703
1964	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Billy Ammons	New Harmony & Slocomb	2685
1965	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Betty Bradshaw	Samson & Union Springs	2710
1966	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Mrs Maude Fowler	Corinth & How- ard Grove	2287
1967	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Ken- nedy	Mrs Billy Am- mons	Springhill & Samson	1983



1968	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek & Union Springs	2320
1969	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	New Hope & Panther Creek	2281
1970	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Cowarts Creek & Springfield	2421
1971	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Howard Grove & First Ch, Dothan	2410
1972	John Pettis	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Corinth & Shiloh	2511
1973	John Pettis	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	New Hope & Union Springs	2609
1974	John Pettis	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Howard Grove & Magnolia	2846
1975	Dean Dobbs	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons		3055
1976	Dean Dobbs	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Union Hill & Union Springs	3036
1977	Dean Dobbs	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Panther Creek & Springfield	3040
1978	Dean Dobbs	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Mrs Billy Ammons	Springhill & First Ch- Dothan	
1979	Dean Dobbs	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	Corinth & Union Springs	3014
1980	Jim Turnbough	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	Howard Grove & New Hope	2916
1981	Jim Turnbough	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	First-Headland & Union Springs	2782
1982	Jim Turnbough	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	First Ch-Dothan & Bethel	2542
1983	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove & New Hope	2504
1984	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Springfield	2413
1985	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Antioch & Union Springs	2443
1986	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Howard Grove	2441
1987	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope & Union Springs	2135
1988	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Gateway	2640
1989	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Harvest	2410
1990	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill	2324
1991	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Enterprise	2410
1992	John Edwards	Mrs Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope	2266
1993	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove	2531
1994	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2579
1995	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Goodwater	2598
1996	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2499
1997	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	New Hope	2454



1998	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Union Springs	2551
1999	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2544
2000	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Eastside	2677
2001	Glen Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2631
2002	Glen Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	Union Hill	2661
2003	Fred Hersey	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	First Church Dothan	2205
2004	Fred Hersey & Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	Eastside	2673
2005	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Jennifer Miller	Howard Grove	2688
2006	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Jennifer Miller	Corinth	1693
2007	Bobby Peters	Jeff Lunsford	Jennifer Miller	Union Hill	1738

FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION  
**WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**  
**51<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT MEETING**

New Hope FWB Church  
March 1, 2008

The Florida State Line District Meeting was opened with **congregational singing**. Cynthia Knowles led the music accompanied by Melissa Lunsford.

**Coordinator Wendy Shuemake welcomed everyone, read Phil. 4:6-7, made mention of our theme, "Travel Light", and called the meeting to order.** Niria Ammons gave a **welcome** from the host church. **Response** by Loretta Culpepper. After Robin McLaney gave the offertory prayer, she and Lee Taylor received the **offering**. Committees left the general assembly to compile their reports.

**Special music** was presented by Tina Clark and Callie Lunsford from New Hope Church. A **door prize** (gift certificate for Lifeway) was presented to bulletin holder #32.

**Rev. Allen Austin**, director of the **Free Will Baptist Children's Home** in Eldridge, Alabama, gave a presentation that included a slide show of the work and children at the Home. The children came from neglect and abuse. Twenty-three children currently reside at the Home, where we are "investing today in the heart of tomorrow." The Children's Home is a worthy missions endeavor.

The following reports were given:

**Credentials:** 8 groups reporting with 68 members

**Delegates were seated** by Mary Yance, Secretary.

**Resolutions:**

**Item #1.** This is election year. We believe this to be the most important Presidential election of our lifetime. Resolve we earnestly seek God's guidance and vote for the candidate God leads us to support.

Pray for the men and woman running for office that they will seek God's face and guidance, and if elected, lead our country to be morally strong and return to the Godly principles upon which our country was established. Most of all, PRAY! PRAY PRAY! That God's will for our country be done, and GET OUT AND VOTE!

(adopted)

- Item #2.** We resolve that a 3-member rotating committee, with one person rotating off each year, be appointed to plan a district project each year in which all local WAC groups will participate. We suggest that the project for this year be to adopt a FWB Bible College student. The intent is to bring members of the district WAC closer together.

(adopted)

(Elected were Martha Clements, Lee Taylor, and Angela Mefford, rotating off first to last, i.e., Martha Clements will rotate off the first year, Lee Taylor the next year, etc.)

- Item #3.** Be is resolved that each WAC review last year's resolutions and adopt them if they have not already done so, and that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to each local coordinator.

(adopted)

**Missions:** Cynthia Knowles reported that the Pastor's Appreciation Dinner was successful. The Acts 1:8 Cookout was at Goodwater and Raised \$13,700. The next Pastor's Appreciation Dinner will be March 15, 2009, and the next Acts 1:8 Cookout will be August 23, 2009 at Goodwater.

(received as information)

**Study:** Betty Coxwell stated that we need to stay in God's Word and support our new study chairman.

(received as information)

**Field Worker:** Jennifer Miller reported that the Eastside group disbanded, but has since reorganized. She spoke at Harvest and has had several phone calls about WAC work. She encouraged us to be mission oriented and to have projects to support out missionary wives/ children.

(received as information)

**Historian:** Lee Taylor encouraged everyone to look at the

scrapbook/photo album that depicts the 50-year history of our group.  
(received as information)

**Prayer:** Niria Ammons encouraged all groups to observe the Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Easter weeks of prayer. She encouraged us to pray daily for our county, our WAC, and each other.  
(received as information)

**Nominating:** Ann Kennedy, chairman, gave the following recommendations for officers:

Coordinator – Wendy Shuemake  
Asst. Coordinator – Rhetta Butler  
Secretary – Mary Yance  
Treasurer – Annette Tomlinson  
Service/Missions – Cynthia Knowles  
Prayer – Niria Ammons  
Field Worker – Jennifer Miller  
Historian – Lee Taylor  
Study – Ann Kennedy

The nominees were **elected by acclamation.**

An **installation ceremony** was held for the new officers. Presiding was **Mrs. Judy Trail**, pastor's wife of the Dothan First Free Will Baptist Church. She read from Matt. 11:28-30. She gave a short devotion encouraging all officers to follow our theme for the year, Travel Light, and to drop off any luggage that we didn't need for our life's "trip."

**Delegates to the State WAC Meeting:** Rhetta Butler, Juanita Hall, Jennifer Miller, Mary Yance, Niria Ammons, Jackie Peters, Renee Yance, Angela Mefford, Ann Kennedy, Loretta Culpepper, Linda Miller, Louise Lewis, Wendy Ramsey, Jeri Cordell, Judy Thomley, Brenda Lewis, Ruby Houston, Betty Morris, Robin McLaney, Myra Mathis, Betty Coxwell.

## **RECESS**

The meeting reconvened with congregational singing.

The **Finance Committee** report was then given.

Brought forward	\$ 245.10
Received:	2,716.00
Disbursed:	<u>2,572.00</u>
Bal. on hand:	\$ 389.10

(report received)

**Special music**, "The Only Day You Have," was presented by **Jeri Cordell**.

**Rev. Allen Austin**, from the Children's Home, was again introduced and spoke from Deut. 6:4-7 and I Thess. 2 on things we should do for our children and grandchildren – be gentle, cherish, encourage, comfort and urge (implore). These are the things the Home is trying to provide for those in their care in Eldridge.

**A love offering and gifts were presented to Rev. Austin for him and his wife. Additionally, \$500 was given to Bro. Austin for the Children's Home.**

A time of sharing **prayer concerns** followed. The meeting was then concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Shuemaker, Coordinator  
Mary Yance, Secretary\*

**(\*NOTE! Minutes condensed and revised for brevity by district association clerk)**



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# CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, 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 principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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