

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

HELD WITH:

MT. HOPE - APRIL 12, 2008
AND
BARNESVILLE - OCTOBER 11, 2008

OFFICERS

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| Moderator | Bro. Jeff Fleming |
| Assistant Moderator | Bro. David Sexton |
| Clerk and Treasurer | Bro. Terry Parrish |
| Assistant Clerk and Treasurer | Sis. Gail Parrish |
| Trustee to Children's Home | Bro. Lenn Holloway |
| Associational Pastor | Bro. J.H. Sullins |

The next session will be held with Pleasant Ridge on April 11, 2009 and with Poplar Log on October 10, 2009.

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 provisionally hindered.
11. All ministers pastoring the Churches in the Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by rules of the same.

SPRING 2008

The Spring Session of the 104th Mississippi/Alabama State Line Association met on April 12, 2008 at Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Hamilton, AL.

The session opened with a class song, "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Gary Yielding. Bro. Lester Isabell led the opening prayer.

Bro. Jeff Fleming, moderator, read the Rules of Decorum. Bro. Randal Tice welcomed each church, pastor and deacon.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the list of delegates and the Credentials Committee Report. First, Seconded and motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee find all church letters to be in order. We also move that all delegates be seated.

Bro. Grady L. Knight

Bro. Bill Williams

Bro. Hershel Emerson

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Poplar Log from the Fall Session.

POPLAR LOG FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We would appreciate your consideration to honor our request to become a member of the Mississippi/Alabama State Line Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. This request is made on behalf of the Congregation at Poplar Log. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bro. Jason Hammontree, Pastor

Bro. James McCarley, Deacon

Bro. Max Howell, Deacon

Bro. Frankie Kerr, Deacon

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Credentials Committee from the last session.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee, recognize and appreciate the request of Poplar Log Free Will Baptist Church to join this association. We make a motion this request be tabled until the Spring Session due to documents and order of business item number 28 and 35.

Bro. Odean Mills
Bro. Bill Williams
Bro. Grady L. Knight

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Credentials Committee meeting from this past Thursday.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee appreciate the request of Poplar Log Free Will Baptist Church to join this association. We also move that they be accepted into the association.

Bro. Grady L. Knight
Bro. Bill Williams
Bro. Hershel Emerson
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming reminded the association of the time frame that had to be allowed and why Poplar Log was not accepted into the association at the Fall Session of 2007.

Bro. Gary Yielding led a song, "Where The Soul Never Dies," and all present gave Bro. Jason Hammontree, Bro. James McCarley and Sis. Wanda McCarley the right hand of fellowship and welcomed them into the association. Bro. Jeff Fleming made a motion to seat delegates from Poplar Log. Bro. Jason Hammontree, Bro. James McCarley and Sis. Wanda McCarley.

Bro. Edwin Brewer and Sis. Candy Brewer came with a song, "Over and Over."

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. JEFF FLEMING

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bro. James McCarley

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Dawn Hornsby, Sis. Renae McCarley and Bro. Jimmy Keplinger.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Flura Shotts and Bro. Bill Duncan.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from the Business Committee.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the members of the business committee do hereby make a motion that item #2 be dropped from the Rules for Preachers since it is already covered by item #11 in Documents and Order of Business.

Bro. David Sexton
Bro. Jeff Fleming
Bro. Craig McCarley
Bro. Terry Parrish
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming dismissed Committees for business.

Bro. Gary Yielding led class song, "Some Day" and "Just Over In The Glory Land."

Bro. Jeff Fleming appointed Bro. Craig McCarley to be the assistant moderator for the day due to Bro. David Sexton being unable to attend.

Bro. Craig McCarley dismissed with prayer for the am break.

Bro. Terry Parrish and Bro. Craig McCarley came with a song, "What Was That You Said Lord."

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from the Devotion Committee.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Jay Sullins bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Bill Duncan
Bro. Odean Mills
Bro. Flura Shotts
First, Seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jay Sullins came with the morning devotion.

As long as I have been in the ministry, I don't feel like I have done enough. When our time is up, I want to be with him. I want to see Jesus because he went to the cross for me and you and every soul that will except him. In Psalms chapter 51 David had gotten into some problems and Nathan came to him. Nathan told him thou art the man. David was after God's own heart. David wanted to be washed and cleansed from his sins. We let things led us off to the side. Satan is trying his best to destroy us.

Have you ever done something and it nags at you? This is the Holy Spirit. It is important to try our very best to stay close to God. The older I get, the closer I want to be. If we loose out with God, this is what Satan wants. Satan is trying his best to get us. When we are judged by Christ, it is going to be just. David was begging for the joy he had lost. The pure in heart shall see God. We need to be as perfect as we possibly can. Stay close to God. Our prayer life is so important.

Bro. Jay Sullins and Bro. Gary Yielding came with a class song, "Near The Cross."

Bro. Jay Sullins led us in prayer.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the Appreciation Committee Report.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The Appreciation Committee would like to thank Mt. Hope Church, Bro. Randall Tice and its members for hosting the Spring Session of the State Line Association. We would like to thank the church for the hard work in preparing for the meeting and the good lunch. We pray that God may richly bless each of you.

Sis. Renae McCarley
Sis. Dawn Hornsly
Bro. Jimmy Keplinger
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the Ordaining Committee report.

ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Ordaining Council recommend that the association give the Jasper Association a letter of good standing for Bro. Mark Collier.

Bro. Edwin Brewer
Bro. Jay Sullins
Bro. Randal Tice
First, Seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, stated that during the last Fall Session a motion was made for all ministers in the association to receive a letter from the association recognizing each minister for their years of service in the ministry. Letters presented to each ministry present by Sis. Renae McCarley.

Bro. Jeff Fleming talked about the State Association having their 100th

meeting of the Free Will Baptist Association. Bro. Woodrow Matthews was recognized for 67 years of service in the ministry.

Bro. David Carter came with a special song, "When I Get Where I'm Going."

Bro. Tom Scott came with a letter from Bro. Rick Cash on the Acts 1:8 program. Bro. Tom Scott spoke about missionaries and how we need to support them and requested prayer for Bro. Rick Cash who is going to Russia this coming week.

I send greetings to the Mississippi State Line Association. I regret that I am unable to attend. Please thank the Association for giving \$13,585.87 to the Acts 1:8 program in 2007 and \$2,323 thus far in 2008. Thank the pastors for their help in this year's roll call Sunday. This year 144 Alabama churches reported 12,277 in attendance and 15 salvation decisions. Praise the Lord our attendance increased by 272 over the 2007 roll call numbers. The Mississippi State Line Churches had an increase of 46 over last years' numbers.

Acts receipts for January - February were \$108,206.88. This is \$13,206 above the average needed to meet budget goals. However, this is almost \$14,000 behind where we were at this time last year. Because of the Acts 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 it's first services. Hundreds of young people attended and scores were saved. Also a new church was started in Mobile, Alabama in April 2007 and property was bought. The Mobile Church recently had 78 in attendance on their first anniversary. We are also supporting church planting in Russia 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 was funded.

Home mission works are supported.

Foreign missionaries are supported - Central Asia, Uruguay and Spain.

Russian ministries are funded - which includes Bible Institutes, Camp/Institute Renovation and (4) church planters.

Funds are also being set aside for a new Free Will Baptist Church to be started in Alabama.

Yours in Christ,

Ricky Cash

Alabama Promotional Director

First, seconded. Motion carried

Sis. Gracie Franks came with a song, "More About Jesus."

Bro. Craig McCarley came with the morning message.

We need to bring our children to the association. There may be a time when there may not be an association. Ezekiel Chapter 22 and verse 30 speaks of standing in the gap. We often think of how we would have done things different. God was speaking to Ezekiel on how he was looking for someone to stand in the gap, but none was found. Are we standing in the gap? If we were standing in the gap, people would be different. Job and Moses stood in the gap.

Jesus stood in the gap for each and everyone of us. It took a spotless lamb to cleanse us. Every gap that is not filled, is a place for Satan to get in. It should break our hearts that our churches are not full. God is looking for someone willing to stand in the gap. Everyone is required to be a witness and stand in the gap for others. Where would we be if grandma and grandpa had not stood in the gap for us. Are we standing in the gap?

Bro. Gary Yielding came with a class song, "Kneel At The Cross."

Bro. Terry Parrish and Bro. Craig McCarley came with a special song, "That Soldier Was Me."

Bro. Jeff Fleming made a motion that we dismiss until the Fall Session.

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Randal Tice came with directions for lunch and Bro. Bobby Duncan asked the blessing on the food and dismissed the Spring meeting.

FALL SESSION

2008

The Fall Session of the Mississippi/Alabama State Line Association met at Barnesville Free Will Baptist Church on October 11, 2008. The session was opened with a class song "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Stewart Jackson. The opening prayer was led by Bro. Bobby Duncan.

Class song, "Deeper, Deeper" led by Bro. Stewart Jackson.

Reading of Rules of Decorum by Bro. Jeff Fleming, moderator.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the roll call of delegates and Credentials

Committee Report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. Grady L. Knight
Bro. Bill Williams

First and seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist church.

ROCKY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We the members of Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church would like to be a member of the association.

The church had a business meeting on June 8, 2008 and Bro. Robert Burleson made a motion to join the association with a second by Sis. Carolyn Byrd. All the church agreed. Bro. Edwin Brewer is our pastor and he is also a member of the association.

Love and prayers to the association.

Clerk - Sis. Sandy Burleson
Pastor - Bro. Edwin Brewer
Deacon - Bro. Robert H. Burleson

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee make a motion to receive Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church letter.

Bro. Grady L. Knight
Bro. Bill Williams
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Association welcomed Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church by right hand of fellowship. Members present were Bro. Edwin Brewer, Sis. Candy Brewer, Bro. Robert Burleson and Sis. Sandra Burleson.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Bro. Jason Hammontree to join the association.

To the Ordaining Council and Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk.

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this letter requesting membership into the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association, upon acceptance of Poplar Log Free Will Baptist Church. I am available to meet at any time if need be. God Bless you all!

In His Love,

Bro. Jason Hammontree
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome by Bro. Jeff Fleming to Barnesville Church and gave directions to the facilities.

Bro. Jeff Fleming asked Bro. Josh Williams from Pleasant Ridge to come and speak.

Luke chapter 15 verses 11-24 is about the parable of the prodigal son. We've all been at rock bottom and the only way to look is up. The prodigal son returned to his father and he received him with open arms. Thank God for the power and victory in the blood. Every time a sinner is saved there is rejoicing in Heaven.

How great a father we have. God loved us enough to send his son to die for us. We serve a great and mighty God. He has his arms open and waiting for us.

Bro. Jeff Fleming made a motion to seat Sis. Sandra Burleson as a delegate from Rocky Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:

By: Bro. Jeff Fleming

Finance Committee: Bro. Jason Hammontree, Bro. Wayne Williams, and Bro. Dennis Tice.

Deceased Members Committee: Bro. Hershel Rye, Bro. Pat Cochran and Sis. Grace Rushing.

Devotional Committee: Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Bill Duncan and Bro. Flura Shotts.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Sis. Betty Shotts.

Dismissed committees.

Dismissed for morning break. Prayer led by Bro. Jeff Fleming.
Special song by Bro. Stewart Jackson, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

Bro. Rick Cash unable to attend the Fall session. Bro. Jeff Fleming read letter from Bro. Rick Cash.

Acts 1:8 Report

I send greetings to the Mississippi State Line Association. I regret that I am unable to attend. Please thank the Association for their continued support of the Acts 1:8 program. September Acts receipts were \$58,800.49. Year to date receipts are at \$405,810.39. This puts us \$21,689.61 behind the average needed to meet our budget goal. This is also \$34,125.77 behind where we were at this time last year. In order to keep our missionaries from getting into financial difficulty it became necessary to make some budget cuts.

In light of the financial shortfall the Executive Committee decided to do two things. The first thing was to cut new projects funds from the May receipts. Then begin cutting Russian Ministries from the June receipts. After discussing the financial situation with missionary Mike Corley it was decided to cancel the 2008 Russian Pastors' conference. This will be the first year since 2001 that the conference was not held.

In addressing the shortfall the Executive Committee decided to designate the Thursday night offering at the state association as an Acts 1:8 offering. Would you and your church pray about this special offering? Please bring your special Acts 1:8 offering with you to the State Association or mail it ahead of time to the Promotional office.

Mobile Mission Update

This mission work in Mobile, led by Bro. Tim Riggs, continues to do well. They averaged 75 for Sunday morning worship attendance during the month of September. They also averaged 59 for Wednesday evening services for the month. Bro. Tim says that people are faithfully attending that were found during door knocking by visiting groups. He would like for you and your church to call him to schedule an outreach mission trip to Mobile.

Children's Home Report

Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge continues to serve the Lord by ministering to needy and hurting children. The faithful support of God's people enables this vital ministry to continue. The Children's Home, with the support of Free Will Baptist Churches, continues to be committed to

this ministry. We greatly regret the recent problems at the home. Just as in a divorce, it is the innocent children that hurt the most.

As a result of the conflict at the home, the director was released, two sets of house parents resigned and three children went home in August. We now have 13 children. We are presently looking for more house parents in order to be able to take more children. Linda Berry is now serving as interim director. She has served the home as social worker for 26 years. This is the third time that she has graciously stepped up and served the home as interim director over the years. All of the children are going to public school in Winfield and faithfully attending Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

The Executive committee of the Alabama State Association has been asked to evaluate the situation. A report will be given at the 2008 Alabama State Association. We ask that you pray for this difficult process. Feel free to direct your questions or concerns to either Children's Home Board chairman, Waymon Fields or Alabama Promotional Director, Rick Cash.

Yours in Christ,
Ricky Cash

Bro. Lenn Holloway came and spoke concerning the Children's Home.

Motion made and seconded to give a donation of \$250.00 to the Children's Home.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the Appreciation Committee Report.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Appreciation Committee reports at this time we have no new business except to thank Barnesville for hosting the Fall session of the State Line Association. We would also like to thank Bro. Jeff Fleming for his hard work and devotion to this association. Thank you in advance for the meal which we're sure will be delightful. We love you all and God Bless you.

Sis. Dawn Milam Hornsby
Bro. Jimmy Keplinger
Sis. Betty Shotts
First, seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee report a balance of \$6249.85 after all expen-

ditures and deposits for this fiscal year.
 Bro. Jason Hammontree
 Bro. Wayne Williams
 Bro. Dennis Tice
 First, seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008

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| Balance on hand October 1, 2007 | \$3,878.35 |
| Deposit October 10, 2007 | 2,070.50 |
| Paid Bill Guyton for (1) plaque | 50.00 |
| Balance on hand October 30, 2007 | 5,898.85 |
| Deposit December 3, 2007 | 300.00 |
| Donation made to Children's Home | 250.00 |
| Balance on hand December 31, 2007 | 5,948.85 |
| Paid ALFWB Association Dues | 1,215.00 |
| Balance on hand January 31, 2008 | 4,733.85 |
| Paid Star Printing for minutes | 594.00 |
| Balance on hand March 31, 2008 | 4,139.85 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 2008 | 4,139.85 |
| Contributions received as of October 8, 2008 are as follows: | |
| Antioch | 175.00 |
| Barnesville | 335.00 |
| Bethel | 300.00 |
| Fairview | 0.00 |
| Good Springs | 175.00 |
| Mt. Hope | 295.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 400.00 |
| Pleasant Site | 0.00 |
| Poplar Log | 180.00 |
| Union Ridge | 250.00 |
| Balance on hand October 8, 2008 | \$6,249.85 |

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Jason Hammontree bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Bill Duncan
 Bro. Flura Shotts
 Bro. James McCarley
 First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jason Hammontree came with the morning message from II Corinthians chapter 4 verses 16-18.

Things here are temporary. God has opened the doors for us to share Jesus Christ. We need to be planting seeds about the word of God. The expectation of God moments. God is at work all around us. God is eternal. Expect God moments. Lets get eternal in people's lives.

Bro. Larry Davis led a class song, "He's My King."

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Deceased Members Committee request that Bro. Bobby Duncan bring the message on deceased members and to send greetings to the family of each deceased member.

Bro. Hershel Rye

Bro. Pat Cochran

Sis. Grace Rushing

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Bobby Duncan read from I John chapter 3 verses 1 and 2. Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read the deceased members list and Bro. Larry Ingle led us in prayer.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Antioch: None

Barnesville: Sis. Becky Igmouski, Bro. James Buddy Ward and Sis. Hil-dred Taylor.

Bethel: Sis. Manta Jane Gregg Franks

Fairview: None

Good Springs: None

Mt. Hope: Bro. David Colburn and Sis. Eloise Cochran.

Pleasant Ridge: None

Poplar Log: Bro. Jack Ingle, Sis. Carolyn Ingle and Bro. Earnie Kerr.

Union Ridge: Bro. E.G. Irvin

As long as we are in this world, we are subject to what happens to our loved ones. Death is no big deal to a Christian. In Revelations chapter 21 it says there will be no more seas. In Genesis the sea separated up. In Micah our sins are cast into the sea.

There will be no more sorrow. As we rear up children, God has given us the assurance that if we raise our children in the Lord, when they grow up they'll not depart from it. There have been enough tears shed to fill an ocean. There will be no more physical pain. Emotional and spiritual pain will be no more. No more Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Mental Institutions.

Heaven will be a perfect place. The curse will be done away with. There will be no more night. Night will be done away with. Old age will be done away with. We can be with Jesus and look like him.

We look at death wrong. We should have in our minds that they are at rest. Death doesn't worry me. I'll be at rest. Death will come to all. The rapture will be the answer to all that is wrong with us. God has given us the assurance that he will take this all away. We can be like Jesus if we make that appointment with Jesus.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter received from Pleasant Site.

PLEASANT SITE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Brothers and Sisters of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi Alabama.

On June 8, 2008 done in church conference, Pleasant Site Free Will Baptist Church voted by majority vote to withdraw from the State Line Association at this time. This is not due to any hard feelings toward the Association, Minister, Church, officers or committee.

We wish God's blessings on each one of you.

Sincerely, your brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pleasant Site Church
Clerk Gladys Crow

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the members of the Business Committee, respect the request of Pleasant Site Free Will Baptist Church to withdraw from membership in the association. At this time the motion is made to table the item until the Spring session for a vote.

Bro. Jeff Fleming
Bro. David Sexton
Bro. Craig McCarley
Bro. Bill Duncan
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Larry Davis came with a song, "Too Old To Die Young". Bro. Larry requested prayer for himself and thanked each church and gave his testimony.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee would like to make a motion to present Bro. Larry Davis with a 30 year service pin in honor of his 30 years of dedication in the ministry.

We love you and appreciate you. God Bless you.

Sis. Dawn Hornsby

Bro. Jimmy Keplinger

Sis. Betty Shotts

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Larry Davis sang, "House of Gold".

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the members of the Business Committee, make a motion to add the qualifications that the assistant moderator be in good standing with the association for (2) years.

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Terry Parrish

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Craig McCarley

First, seconded. Motion carried.

New Officers Elected:

Bro. Bill Duncan, Moderator

Bro. Jeff Fleming, Assistant Moderator

Bro. Terry Parrish, Clerk

Sis. Gail Parrish, Assistant Clerk

Bro. Larry Davis, Associational Pastor

Bro. Lenn Holloway, Trustee to Children's Home

Appointees for Standing Committee:

Sunday School Committee

Bro. Cecil Norris (Chair)

Bro. Henry Pierce

Bro. James McCarley

Ordaining Council

Bro. Edwin Brewer (Chair)

Bro. Randall Tice

Bro. Lester Isabell

Credentials Committee

Bro. Bill Williams (Chair)

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. Robert Burleson

Business Committee

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Terry Parrish

Bro. Craig McCarley

Bro. Tom Scott

Sis. Candy Brewer came with a song, "What Judas Didn't Know."

Bro. Jeff Fleming came with the morning message. Read from Psalms 119 verse 89. As part of the church and those who serve God. This is a time of unsettlement. It is our job to tell people about things eternal. God is an eternal God. He has not diminished in strength. Some people think because they don't believe in God he is not real, but one day they will believe. Our eternity is secure. I do know who will be sitting on the throne.

ORDAINING REPORT

We the Ordaining Committee make a motion to issue the cards of good standing to all ministers that are present and Sis. Sue Collier.

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. J.H. Sullins

Churches to hold sessions for 2009 are as follows:

April 11, 2009 Spring session will be held at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.

October 10, 2009 Fall session will be held at Poplar Log Free Will Baptist Church.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Tom Scott and blessing on the food.

FALL DELEGATES 2008

ANTIOCH: Sis. Sue Williams and Sis. Sharon Isbell.

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Jimmy Keplinger, Bro. Bobby Frederick, Bro. Rodney Williams and Bro. Cecil Norris.

BETHEL: Sis. Virginia Duncan, Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Leslie Smith.

FAIRVIEW: Sis. Betty Shotts and Bro. Ladie Davis.

GOOD SPRINGS: Sis. Jennifer Fuller, Sis. Rita Cochran, Bro. Pat Cochran and Bro. J.R. Spencer.

MOUNT HOPE: Bro. Dalton Holt, Sis. Diane Peacock, Sis. Wanda Williford and Sis. Carol Shotts.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Eric Zills, Sis. Dawn Hornsby, Bro. Britton Holloway and Bro. Hershel Rye.

PLEASANT SITE: None.

POPLAR LOG: Bro. Larry Ingle, Bro. Dennis Tice, Bro. Stewart Jackson and Sis. Wanda McCarley.

UNION RIDGE: Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Beverly Knight and Sis. Wynette Knight.

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. R. B. Barnes, Bro. W.C. Williams and Bro. Charles Spencer, Sr.

BARNESVILLE: Bro. Wayne Williams, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Hansel Taylor and Bro. Odean Mills.

BETHEL: Bro. Henry Hill Franks, Bro. Bobby Benson, Bro. Wendell J. Franks and Bro. Donnie Franks.

FAIRVIEW: Bro. Tallmadge "Buster" Shotts and Bro. Hugh L. Carter.

GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Terry Parrish

MT. HOPE: Bro. Gary Yielding and Bro. Flura Shotts.

PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor and Bro. Billy Compton.

PLEASANT SITE: None

POPLAR LOG: Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Frankie Kerr and Bro. Max Howell.

UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight, Bro. David L. Knight and Bro. Tony Woodham.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Addresses and Date of Ordination

Antioch:

Rev. Lester Isbell

811 Co. Hwy. 416, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-0940 1999

Rev. Otis Parmer

6953 Hwy. 36, Guin, AL 35563, 205-487-3128 1957

Barnesville:

Rev. Jeff Fleming

1123 Regency Place, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-7969 1985

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| Rev. Woodrow Matthews | |
| 403 3rd St. N., Guin, AL 35563, 205-468-3264 | 1941 |
| Bethel: | |
| Rev. Bill Duncan | |
| 226 Co. Hwy. 104, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4325 | 1969 |
| Rev. David Sexton | |
| 3691 Co. Rd. 63, Brilliant, AL 35548, 205-465-9289 | 1975 |
| Fairview: | |
| None | |
| Good Springs: | |
| Rev. Craig McCarley | |
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| Rev. Edwin Brewer | |
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| Mt. Hope: | |
| Rev. Randal Tice | |
| 787 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4034 | 1973 |
| Rev. J.H. Sullins | |
| 706 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-2851 | 1972 |
| Rev. David Carter | |
| P.O. Box 202, Sheffield, AL 35660, 256-320-2733 | 2003 |
| Pleasant Ridge: | |
| Rev. Bobby Duncan | |
| 515 Rideout Falls Rd., Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4985 | 1974 |
| Rev. David Sanderson | |
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| Pleasant Site: | |
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| Poplar Log: | |
| Rev. Jason Hammontree | |
| 625 Co. Hwy. 49, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-412-9500 | 2004 |
| Union Ridge: | |
| Rev. Thomas Scott | |
| P.O. Box 184, Red Bay, AL, 35582, 256-356-2425 | 1955 |

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RULES FOR THE PREACHERS

- (1) All ministers wishing to become a member of the association will be required to go before the ordaining council with a written recommendation from the church of which they are a member, also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.
- (2) 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.
- (3) All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teaching of the Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.
- (4) 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.
- (5) No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) This association will not accept for ordination or membership any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.

CHURCH RULES

- (1) We agree, as members of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, to cooperate in every move for the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world and for the betterment of our denomination.
- (2) We agree to meet in conference as often as necessary to transact the business of the church.
- (3) The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the Pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.
- (4) It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the expense.
- (5) No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.
- (6) No member shall arraign another before the Church for any grievance

without taking gospel steps. Matthew 18:15-17.

(7) All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church, unless withdrawn by mover.

(8) Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two arises at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

(9) No member shall speak twice on the same subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.

(10) It shall be the duty of all churches' members to be present at all church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires the mind of the whole church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

- (4) **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- (5) **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD:** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- (6) **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN:** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
- (7) **THE WORK OF CHRIST:** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
- (8) **THE TERMS OF SALVATION:** The conditions of salvation are (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.
- (9) **ELECTION:** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- (10) **FREEDOM OF THE WILL:** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- (11) **SALVATION FREE:** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel 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.
- (3) Be in good standing with the association for (2) years.

CLERK

The clerk shall be elected by the body of the Association, from members of the Association in good standing with their church, during each October session. The clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is elected and serve until the end of the next October session. The duties of the clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) Keep a written record of the proceedings of the Association.
- (2) To cause the proceedings of the Association to be published and to distribute the published record to the various churches of the Association within a reasonable time after the October session.
- (3) To retain custody of all papers, reports, requests, items presented to committees belonging to the Association.
- (4) To deposit all monies delivered to him/her by the Association in the bank of his/her choice.
- (5) To make payment, from Association funds, for the standard expenses of the Association such as printing minutes, payment of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, clerical supplies and committee expenses.
- (6) To maintain complete, accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.
- (7) To give the report of all committees to the Associational body.
- (8) To develop and provide forms for all ministers, deacons, delegates and visiting delegates to sign in to each session of the Association. These forms shall be available to the moderator, and such committees as shall need them, during the course of the Association.
- (9) To conduct correspondence as needed.
- (10) To assist the moderator with the order of business.
- (11) To provide the Devotion Committee with a list of ministers used during previous sessions of the Association.
- (12) To sit in on all special meetings of committees and councils for the purpose of keeping a record of the proceedings.
- (13) To make purchases of items on an emergency basis, not to exceed \$250.00 in any one Associational year.
- (14) Other duties as delegated by the Association.

ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk shall be selected by the clerk, from members of the association in good standing with their church, during the October session. The assistant clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is selected and serve until the end of the next

October session.

The duties of the assistant clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) To assume the duties of the clerk, in the absence of the clerk.
- (2) To assist the clerk in his/her duties.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

The Associational Pastor shall be elected during each October session by the body of the Association from those ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Associational Pastor shall be as follows:

- (1) Fill in for pastors, as needed.
- (2) Visit each of the churches of the Association and report to the body concerning these visits.
- (3) Serve as pastor to the pastors.
- (4) Promote support for the pastors.
- (5) Organize and coordinate a "Church Day" or similar activity in the churches. The "Church Day" shall be an effort to unite the churches of the Association in a concerted effort to get more people involved in church.
- (6) Work to organize Associational support and recognition for churches that have shown significant growth, a new building, etc.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

The trustee to the Children's Home shall be elected during each October session from members of the Association in good standing with their church. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Trustee to the Children's Home shall be as follows:

- (1) Represent the Association on the Children's Home Board.
- (2) Promote the interests of the Children's Home among the churches and communities of this Association.
- (3) Solicit support for the home for any and all needs.
- (4) Establish a contact person in each church with whom to communicate concerning the needs of the home.
- (5) Report to the body of the Association on the needs and progress of the home.

COMMITTEES

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi-Alabama shall have the following committees:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three deacons. The members shall serve a 3 year rotating term with the oldest member leaving the committee at the end of each

October session and a new member being appointed by the Moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all church letters, written applications for membership into the association by churches or ministers, and credentials to see that they are in proper order.
- (2) To investigate and resolve, if possible, problems with the church letters.
- (3) To make appropriate recommendations to the body of the Association concerning church letters.
- (4) To make appropriate recommendations to the Ordaining Council concerning written applications for membership in the Association by churches or ministers.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

The duties of the Ordaining Council shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine delegates from each church that has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (2) To examine each minister who has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (3) To examine all ministers who have been recommended, in writing, by their respective churches to be ordained. This examination shall include, but not limited to:
 - a. The applicants willingness to adhere to the Free Will Baptist's Articles of Faith.
 - b. The applicants beliefs concerning Free Will Baptist's teachings on baptism, the Lord's Supper, feet washing, alcohol, drugs, or any other item regarding Free Will Baptist's doctrine and beliefs.
 - c. The willingness of the applicant to surrender his card of standing and his certificate of ordination if he is guilty of walking disorderly.
 - d. To examine the written responses to the Guideline Questionnaire as adopted by the Association when returned by a candidate for ordination, or for a minister coming in from another association, prior to his examination per the Ordaining Council.
- (4) To investigate any charges that a minister of the Association is

walking disorderly or in a manner unbecoming to his high calling.

- (5) To investigate, when requested, grievances within a church.
- (6) To examine ministers, who, having been dropped from the Association's list of ministers, which to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examinations and investigations conducted by the council.
- (8) To distribute cards of standing to those ministers who are granted the cards.
- (9) To require that all ordained ministers and candidates for ordination sign a statement that if they are ever guilty of walking disorderly or of misconduct they will voluntarily surrender their card of standing and their certificate of ordination.
- (10) To provide the clerk with a list of ministers not reporting to the Association each year.
- (11) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.
- (12) It shall be the responsibility of the ordaining council to investigate any minister who is absent for the Spring and Fall Consecutive Sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session and to include a list of all disabled ministers of the association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all letters to the Association and determine the amount of money sent by churches of the Association for Associational funds.
- (2) To examine the clerk's records of receipts and expenditures and report to the Association their findings.
- (3) To report to the Association the balance in the treasury as of

October 1, each year.

- (4) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

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

- (1) To examine letters from the churches having Sunday School.
- (2) To conduct and coordinate activities among the churches to promote Sunday School, such as Sunday School Day, recognition of outstanding Sunday Schools, etc.
- (3) To designate a member of the committee to coordinate the activities sponsored by the committee.
- (4) To report to the Association during each October session 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 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Cecil Norris (Chair)
Bro. Henry Pierce
Bro. James McCarley

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Bro. Edwin Brewer (Chair)
Bro. Randall Tice
Bro. Lester Isabell

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Bill Williams (Chair)
Bro. Hershel Emerson
Bro. Robert Burleson

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Bro. Bill Duncan
Bro. Jeff Fleming
Bro. Terry Parrish
Bro. Craig McCarley
Bro. Tom Scott

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME:

Bro. Lenn Holloway

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR:

Bro. Larry Davis

CLERK

BRO. TERRY PARRISH

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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

