

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED & FIFTH**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF**  
**STATE LINE**

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

**HELD WITH:**

**PLEASANT RIDGE - APRIL 11, 2009**  
**AND**  
**POPLAR LOG - OCTOBER 10, 2009**

**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Bro. Bill Duncan
Assistant Moderator .....	Bro. Jeff Fleming
Clerk and Treasurer .....	Bro. Terry Parrish
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer .....	Sis. Gail Parrish
Trustee to Children's Home .....	Bro. Lenn Holloway
Associational Pastor .....	Bro. Larry Davis

The next session will be held with Pleasant Ridge on April 10, 2010 and with Bethel on October 9, 2010.



## CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be known as the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi and Alabama.
2. The Association shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates of different churches forming the same.
3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of the same.
4. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members or fraction thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.
5. This Association shall have a standing Credentials Committee composed of three members, which shall be composed of deacons. The oldest member shall be dropped each year and a new one appointed by the Moderator. Their duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership, both churches and ministers and make report of same to the body.
6. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.
7. This Association shall meet on the second Saturday in April and October of each year and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.
8. The Association shall vote on where the next Association shall be held until one church gets the majority vote.
9. The Constitution, By-Laws, may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.
10. No ministers, deacon or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.
11. All ministers pastoring the Churches in the Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by rules of the same.

## **SPRING 2009**

The Spring Session of the 105th Mississippi/Alabama State Line Association met on April 11, 2009 at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church in Hamilton, AL.

The session opened with a class song, "The Old Gospel Ship" led by Bro. Robert Burleson. Bro. Randall Tice led the opening prayer.

Bro. Bill Duncan, moderator, read the Rules of Decorum. Bro. Bobby Duncan came and welcomed each church, pastor and deacon.

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

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Bro. Robert Burleson

Bro. Bill Williams

Bro. Hershel Emerson

First, seconded. Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. BILL DUNCAN**

Appreciation Committee: Sis. Sue Williams, Sis. Gracie Franks and Sis. Wanda McCarley.

Devotion Committee: Bro. Matt Wanner, Bro. Robert Puckett and Bro. Pat Cochran.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Business Committee Report.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Business Committee do hereby make a motion to send a \$50.00 flower arrangement in the event of the death of a pastor, preacher or wife of either that are in good standing in the MS/AL State Line Association.

In the event of the death of any of the above, the church in which they are a member is to notify the association clerk.

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Terry Parrish

Bro. Craig McCarley

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Bill Duncan dismissed Committees for business.



Bro. David Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Amanda Sexton came with a song, "God Is So Good To Me."

Bro. Jimmy Aldridge came and spoke on missions.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.

In accordance with action taken in church conference on February 22, 2009, Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church respectfully requests that the association ordain Bro. Josh Williams to preach the gospel at the Spring Session on April 11, 2009.

Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church  
Linda Crow - Church Clerk

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Ordaining Council.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT**

We the Ordaining Council, after examination, do hereby recommend to the association and make a motion to ordain Bro. Josh Williams Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Spring Session.

Bro. Edwin Brewer  
Bro. Randall Tice  
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Pleasant Site Free Will Baptist Church from Fall 2008 session.

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 - Gladys Crow - Clerk

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Business Committee from October 2008 Fall Session.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the members of the Business Committee respect the request of Pleasant Site Free Will Baptist Church to withdraw their 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. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Appreciation Committee Report.

### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Appreciation Committee would like to extend our appreciation on behalf of the State Line Association to the Pleasant Ridge Church for their gracious hospitality toward us. We would like to thank you for your friendliness, our lunch and good fellowship. God Bless you all.

Sis. Wanda McCarley  
Sis. Sue Williams  
Sis. Gracie G. Franks  
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Devotion Committee Report.

### **DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. Terry Parrish bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Robert Puckett  
Bro. Pat Cochran  
Bro. Matthew Wanner  
First, seconded. Motion carried.

Dismissed for a.m. break.

Bro. Jeff Fleming and Bro. Craig McCarley led a song, "Victory In Jesus."

Bro. Bobby Duncan came with the charge to ordain Bro. Josh Williams as

a minister.

Each pastor present, prayed over Bro. Josh Williams and his wife Sis. Dara.

Congregation gave right hand of fellowship to Bro. Josh Williams and wife Sis. Dara.

Bro. Danny Williams came and spoke and read report from Bro. Rick Cash on Acts 1:8 program and FWB Children's Home report to the Association.

Greetings from Interim Director, Linda Berry, and the staff and children of the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge. We are very thankful for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry. Without people just like you, we could not fulfill the task God has given us.

2008 was a difficult year. There were major staff changes and a troubled atmosphere on the campus. Giving dropped and the number of children decreased significantly. The Alabama State Association voted in November to reorganize the board and accept greater responsibility in providing oversight of the ministry. Linda Berry, long time social worker and present interim director, stated, "The Children's Home has always been treated like a red-headed stepchild by the State, but not it feels like the Home is treated like a child." A former resident and strong supporter of the home, Junior Capleton, said, "This should have been done 10 years ago."

We are glad to report that there is clear progress since the difficult days of 2008. Giving is up - in fact, since November giving each month has been greater than the same month in the prior year. Two sets of house parents have been hired so that all four cottages are now staffed. Bro. Danny Williams has been hired as the Director of Communication and Development. He will begin his duties on May 1st. We now have 17 children with another one coming for a pre-placement interview in the near future. Construction will soon begin on an open-air pavilion for recreational activities and special events.

The children attend and participate in the services and youth activities at the Winfield Church. In fact, five of the teens are involved in the church Easter program this weekend. The students are enrolled in the Winfield City School System with several making the honor roll. One of the Girls won a couple of events in the county track meet this week.

Your Children's Home is here to obey the Great Commission as we attend to the spiritual and physical needs of the children placed in our care. Just



recently a young teen girl gave her life to Christ and was saved in a service at the Winfield Church. A few weeks ago she followed the Lord in baptism. That's why we exist!

Please continue to pray for us as we minister to these children. Also pray as the search continues for a new Executive Director. With Bro. Williams employed, the pool of applicants for Director can be broadened to include laymen and women who meet the academic requirements. Several applications have already been received. We truly desire God's leadership as we fill this very important position.

May God Bless you as you continue his work!

Greetings from your Executive Office. I want to thank the MS State Line Association for your continued support of world evangelism. Your Acts 1:8 receipts from 2008 were \$10,302.15 and so far this year your churches have given \$2,246.60. The total 2008 Acts receipts were \$553,909.80. This was \$16,090.20 behind the 2008 budget goal of \$570,000.00. The 2009 Acts budget is \$555,000.00. Due to cuts and rising costs Russian Ministries and new projects were reduced from \$72,060.00 in 2008 to \$19,425.00 in 2009. As of March 31 we have received \$155,109.14 in Acts receipts. This is \$10,614.43 more than we received in the first three months of 2008.

Please ask everyone to get involved in the fight against illegal gambling in Alabama. They can either contact the Executive Officer or ALCAP Office for information or resources. Everyone should be encouraged to contact their Senator and Representative. Gov. Riley recently stated that \$675 million dollars is being spent in Alabama annually in illegal gambling. To view a 5 1/2 minute video by the governor click on:

If any pastor would like a copy of the DVD to show in their church they can email me or call the Alabama Free Will Baptist Executive Office at 205-468-3897.

To contact senators call 334-242-7800. To contact representatives call 334-242-7600.

Roll Call Sunday is April 12th. Pastors are to call the moderator on that day with their attendance and number of salvations.

Bro. Rick Cash  
Executive Director  
Alabama Free Will Baptists

Sis. Gracie Franks came with a song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Bro. Davis Sexton, Sis. Jeanie Sexton and Sis. Amanda Sexton came with a song, "Peace In The Valley."

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Ordaining Committee Report.

## **ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Ordaining Council make a motion to give Bro. Josh Williams a card of good standing in the association.

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. Randall Tice

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish came with the morning devotion and spoke on the water and referenced to several times in the Bible where water played an important part throughout the Bible.

Bro. Bobby Duncan came with directions for lunch. Bro. Gary Duncan dismissed the Spring Session and asked the blessing on the food.

## **FALL SESSION 2009**

The Fall Session of the Mississippi/Alabama State Line Association met at Poplar Log Free Will Baptist Church on October 10, 2009. The session was opened with a class song led by Bro. Max Howell, "I'm In A New World." Opening prayer was led by Bro. Jay Sullins. Bro. Max Howell led another class song, "When Our Lord Shall Come Again."

Bro. Bill Duncan read Rules of Decorum.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read roll call of delegates.

Welcome by Bro. Jason Hammontree.

Bro. Barry Cook came and spoke.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Bro. Dennis Tice, Bro. Harry Williams, and Bro. Robert Peacock

**DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE:** Bro. Hunter Warren, Bro. Dalton



Holt, and Bro. Hubert Carter.

**DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:** Bro. Rodney Williams, Bro. Larry Ingle, and Bro. Fred Rushing.

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:** Sis. Frances Eddy, Sis. Patty Cook and Sis. Kelly Hammontree.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter from Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

September 13, 2009

To: MS/AL State Line Association

From: Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church

The members of Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church request Bro. Terry Parrish be ordained as a minister at the April 2010 Spring Session.

The church also request that the Spring 2010 session be held at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Bro. Craig McCarley, Moderator  
Sis. Gail Parrish, Clerk

Association will be held at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

First and seconded. Motion carried.

Dismissed Committees.

Bro. Edwin and Sis. Candy Brewer came with a song, "Tears Will Never Stain The Streets."

Bro. David Carter came with a song, "Didn't It Rain."

Bro. Max Howell led a class Song, "I'm Free Again."

Bro. Terry Parrish came with a song, "You and Me Jesus."

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

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee would like to make a motion to present Bro. Bill Duncan with a 40 year service pin in honor of his 40 years of dedication in the ministry. We would also like to thank Poplar Log Church and Bro. Jason Hammontree and its members for hosting the Fall Session of the State Line Association. We pray that God may bless you.

Sis. Kelly Hammontree

Sis. Patty Cook

Sis. Frances Eddy

First and seconded. Motion carried.

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

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee report a balance of \$6,879.05 after all expenditures and deposits for this fiscal year.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

Balance on hand October 31, 2008 .....	\$4,139.85
Donation made to Children's Home. ....	\$250.00
Balance on hand November 30, 2008 .....	\$3,889.85
Deposit December 4, 2008. ....	\$2,332.00
Balance on hand December 31, 2008 .....	\$6,221.85
Balance on hand January 31, 2009 .....	\$6,221.85
Balance on hand February 28, 2009 .....	\$6,221.85
Paid ALFWB Association Dues. ....	\$1,215.00
Paid Star Printing for minutes .....	\$658.80
Balance on hand March 31, 2009 .....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand April 30, 2009 .....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand May 31, 2009 .....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand June 30, 2009. ....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand July 31, 2009 .....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand August 31, 2009 .....	\$4,348.05
Balance on hand September 30, 2009. ....	\$4,348.05
Contributions received as of October 2009 are as follows:	
Antioch. ....	\$175.00
Barnesville .....	\$350.00
Bethel. ....	\$300.00
Fairview .....	\$220.50
Good Springs. ....	\$165.00
Mt. Hope .....	295.00
Pleasant Ridge. ....	\$400.00

Poplar Log . . . . .	\$217.50
Rocky Grove . . . . .	\$158.00
Union Ridge . . . . .	\$250.00
Balance on hand October 10, 2009 . . . . .	\$6,879.05

Bro. Dennis Tice  
 Bro. Robert Peacock  
 Bro. Harry Williams

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jeff Fleming came and read letter from Bro. Danny Williams on the Children’s Home.

Greetings from the staff and children of the FWB Children’s Home in Eldridge, AL. We are very thankful for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry. Without people like you and churches like yours, we could not fulfill the task God has given us.

Our new Executive Director is Bro. Mike Corley. He assumed his position on August 1st. He and his wife, Cathy, come to our ministry after serving ten years as missionaries for FWB International Missions in Russia and Central Asia. Mike brings valuable experience in administration and unquestioned integrity to this role. Please pray for him as he leads the ministry.

We are pleased to report the following new items:

We presently have 20 children. We have room for others, so please pray that God will put us in contact with those we can help.

Construction is complete on a 70 x 120 metal building which will provide space for recreational activities and special events. We had a dedication for the new facility on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. As part of the event, we honored six long term board members. The Board Chairman, Rodney Yerby announced the establishment of the Carlton Lambert Endowment. You are encouraged to consider contributing to the fund through planned gifts. The dedication video can be viewed on our website.

For 2009, giving is down about 3.7% from the previous year. We are appreciative of those who continue to support the work despite the struggling economic conditions. Pray with us for a strong financial quarter to end 2009.



The children attend the Winfield City School system. Many of them do very well academically. In fact, eight of our kids made the honor roll. For those needing assistance, we have secured two retired teachers to provide private tutoring.

The summer was a great time for the kids. They enjoyed vacation time and were able to attend a couple weeks of youth camp. Two of our teen boys and one elementary age girl made professions of faith!

The children attend and participate in the services and the youth activities at the Winfield FWB Church. The last Sunday of August was a great day! On that Sunday, six of our children were baptized! There were two teen girls, two teen boys, one elementary age girl, and one elementary age boy who took this important step. Scenes like that are why we exist!

You can learn more about us or contact us by way of our website, [fwb-home.org](http://fwb-home.org). If you have any questions or ideas, please let us know. We invite you through your prayers, gifts and interest to be a partner with us in this ministry which is making a difference in the lives of children every day. Thanks for helping us "invest today in the heart of tomorrow."

Bro. Jeff Fleming read letter from Bro. Rick Cash:

I want to thank the Mississippi State Line Association for their year to date gifts to the Acts 1:8 program of \$6,029. Thank you for your continued support of the Acts 1:8 program. As of September 30 we have received \$408,326.37 in Acts support. This is \$2,515.98 more than we received in the first nine months of 2008. On a monthly schedule, of needing an average of \$46,250 per month, we are presently \$7,923.63 behind schedule. However, with Mike Corley no longer on the field the need is not as great.

Major decisions regarding Russian ministries and the Acts 1:8 funding program are being made for 2010. Pray for the decision making process. Leaders from Alabama and from International Missions met with Russian leaders during this year's Russian Pastor's Retreat recently held on September 14-17. The future of this partnership was discussed. It will be recommended that this partnership be renewed. It will also be recommended that we enter into a partnership with the Free Will Baptist National Association of Mexico. Please pray for and plan to attend this year's state association as we will deal with important budget matters that will affect world evangelism. I am attaching a flyer recommending the Radisson as the motel of choice for the 2009 State Association. For each 15 rooms booked the Radisson offers one complimentary room. This will result in a savings for the State Association.

Rick Cash  
Executive Director  
Alabama Free Will Baptists

Bro. Jeff Fleming read letter from Alabama State Association.

Delegates for State Association to be held at Madison FWB Church on Nov. 4-6, 2009.

Bro. Bill Duncan  
Sis. Virginia Duncan  
Bro. James McCarley  
Sis. Wanda McCarley  
Bro. Jeff Fleming

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Devotional Committee Report.

### **DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

The devotion committee has selected Bro. Jason Hammontree to bring the morning devotion.

Bro. Rodney Williams  
Bro. Fred Rushing  
Bro. Larry Ingle

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Deceased Committee Report.

### **DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Bro. Hunter Warren  
Bro. Hubert Carter  
Bro. Dalton Holt

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read deceased members list.



## DECEASED MEMBERS

Antioch: None

Barnesville: Sis. Jaynell Nixon and Bro. Duron Taylor

Bethel: None

Fairview: None

Good Springs: None

Mt. Hope: Sis. Silvia Sullins, Bro. Tummer Colburn, Bro. William Tice, Sis. Linda Tice, Bro. William Jones, Bro. Jimmy Warren, Sis. Iva Collier and Sis. Cleo Rayburn.

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Brittin Holloway, Sis. Rachel Prestridge and Sis. Faye Sanderson.

Poplar Log: Bro. Manuel Jackson

Rocky Grove: Sis. Carolyn Byrd and Sis. Nancy Nichols

Union Ridge: None

Bro. Max Howell came with a class song, "Amazing Grace" in remembrance of the deceased members.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read Credentials Committee Report.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. Bill Williams

Bro. Hershel Emerson

Bro. Robert Burleson

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Jason Hammontree came with the morning devotion and deceased members message.

Read scripture from Romans chapter 8 verses 1 - 11, 17, 38 and 39. When someone gives their life to Jesus Christ even the angels rejoice. I believe it will be loud in Heaven, we will be glorified together. I want to see it all. Bible says death will not separate me from the love of God. I have loved ones that have gone on that I can't wait to see. Nothing will separate me from the love of God. No matter what the news says, nothing will separate us from God. Bible says whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Whoever shares the gospel is a preacher. We need more preachers to share the word. We have good news to share. I

hope and pray we will be out there sharing the word. We need to get serious.

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

## **ORDAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the members of the Ordaining Council make a motion to issue a card of good standing to all ordained ministers found in good standing with special consideration to Sis. Sue Collier.

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. Randall Tice

First, seconded. Motion carried.

Ordaining Council presented Bro. Josh Williams with a Certificate of Ordination.

Bro. Terry Parrish, clerk, read letter to association.

We have enjoyed and been challenged over the past times and services we have served and fellowshiped with those in our association, but at this time, my wife and I feel that we must decline nomination and step down as clerk and assistant clerk.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Bro. Terry & Sis. Gail Parrish

New Officers Elected:

Bro. Bill Duncan, Moderator

Bro. Edwin Brewer, Assistant Moderator

Bro. Jason Hammontree, Clerk

Sis. Kelly Hammontree, Assistant Clerk

Bro. Josh Williams, Associational Pastor

Bro. David Carter and Bro. Dennis Tice - Trustees to Children's Home

Appointees for Standing Committee:

Sunday School Committee

Bro. Henry Pierce (chair)

Bro. James McCarley

Bro. Odean Mills

Ordaining Council:  
Bro. Randall Tice (chair)  
Bro. Bobby Duncan  
Bro. Jeff Fleming

Credentials Committee:  
Bro. Hershel Emerson (chair)  
Bro. Robert Burleson  
Bro. James McCarley

Business Committee:  
Bro. Bill Duncan  
Bro. Edwin Brewer  
Bro. Jason Hammontree  
Bro. Craig McCarley  
Bro. Jay Sullins

Bro. Bill Duncan came with the morning message. Churches are failing miserable in carrying out discipline. We have rules, after rules and we are breaking them every day. The electronic church can not and does not permit participation.

Bible is a training ground for Christians. TV and radio does not give us an opportunity to fellowship. We should be thankful we have a local church to attend and support.

Remember our association and pray for other associations and pray for churches that have left will come back and other churches will join our association.

Churches to hold sessions for 2010 are as follows:

April 10, 2010 Spring session will be held at Good Springs FWB Church.

October 9, 2010 Fall session will be held at Bethel FWB Church.

Dismissal prayer and blessings on food.

### **FALL DELEGATES 2009**

**Antioch:** Sis. Barbara Watts, Sis. Patty Cook and Sis. Sue Williams.

**Barnesville:** Bro. Jimmy Keplinger and Bro. Rodney Williams.

**Bethel:** Sis. Frances Eddy, Sis. Faye Jordan, Sis. Charlene Holcomb and Sis. Virginia Duncan.

**Fairview:** Sis. Jeanette Carter, Bro. Hunter Warren, Bro. Hubert Carter and Sis. Dee Carter.

**Good Springs:** Bro. Nathan Bohannon, Sis. Amber Bridges and Bro. JR Spencer.

**Mt. Hope:** Sis. Dianne Peacock, Bro. Dalton Holt, Bro. Robert Peacock and Sis. Wanda Williford.

**Pleasant Ridge:** Bro. Harry Williams.

**Poplar Log:** Bro. Larry Ingle, Sis. Kelly Hammontree, Bro. Dennis Tice and Sis. Wanda McCarley.

**Rocky Grove:** Sis. Candy Brewer.

**Union Ridge:** Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing and Sis. Kathy Woodham.

## DEACONS

**ANTIOCH:** Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. Bill Williams, and Bro. Charles Spencer, Sr.

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

**BETHEL:** Bro. Henry H. Franks, Bro. Wendell J. Franks, Bro. Bobbie Benson and Bro. Donnie Franks.

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

**GOOD SPRINGS:** Bro. Terry Parrish

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

**PLEASANT RIDGE:** Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Harry Williams, Bro. Billy Compton and Bro. Hershel Rye.

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

**ROCKY GROVE:** Bro. Robert Burleson

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

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### Addresses and Date of Ordination

**Antioch:**  
 Rev. Barry Cook  
 1402 Boardtree Rd, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-9138 . . . . .  
 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  
 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:**

Rev. Larry Gene Davis

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

**Good Springs:**

Rev. Craig McCarley

751 Co. Hwy. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-952-9585 . . . . . 1996

**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

415 Co. Hwy. 75, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-952-9020 . . . . . 1990

Rev. Josh Williams

652 Williams Road, Hamilton, AL 35570 . . . . . 2009

**Poplar Log:**

Rev. Jason Hammontree

746 3rd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-412-9500 . . . . . 2004

**Rocky Grove:**

Rev. Edwin Brewer

10912 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593, 205-921-2967 . . . . . 2000

**Union Ridge:**

Rev. Thomas Scott

P.O. Box 184, Red Bay, AL, 35582, 256-356-2454 . . . . . 1955

## CHURCH CLERKS

**Antioch:**

Sis. Donna Holley

P.O. Box 2274, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-7414

**Barnesville:**

Sis. Carole N Williams

1146 Sentry Road, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-9202

**Bethel:**

Sis. Gracie Franks

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

**Fairview:**

Bro. Steven Shotts

1555 Co. Hwy. 81, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-2043

**Good Springs:**

Sis. Gail Parrish



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	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
1131.41	308.93	0	4762.84	2	3	2	12		✓	Bro. R.B. Barnes	
550.00	2362.00	1735.00	35178.10	2	4	7	55	✓	✓	Bro. Rodney Williams	
1500.00	1025.76	1000.00	1800.00	2	4	3	28		✓	Bro. Donnie Franks	
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## **STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2010**

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Bro. Odean Mills

**Ordaining Council:**

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Bro. Bobby Duncan

Bro. Jeff Fleming

**Credentials Committee:**

Bro. Hershel Emerson (chair)

Bro. Robert Burleson

Bro. James McCarley

**Business Committee:**

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. Jason Hammontree

Bro. Craig McCarley

Bro. Jay Sullins

**Trustees to Children's Home:**

Bro. David Carter and Bro. Dennis Tice

**Associational Pastor:**

Bro. Josh Williams

## **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.

ITEM 37: We, the Business Committee, do hereby make a motion to send a \$50.00 flower arrangement in the event of the death of a pastor, preacher or wife of either that are in good standing in the MS/AL State Line Association. In the event of the death of any of the above, the church in which they are a member is to notify the association clerk.

## **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 stand-



ing 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.

**CLERK**

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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

## **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.



