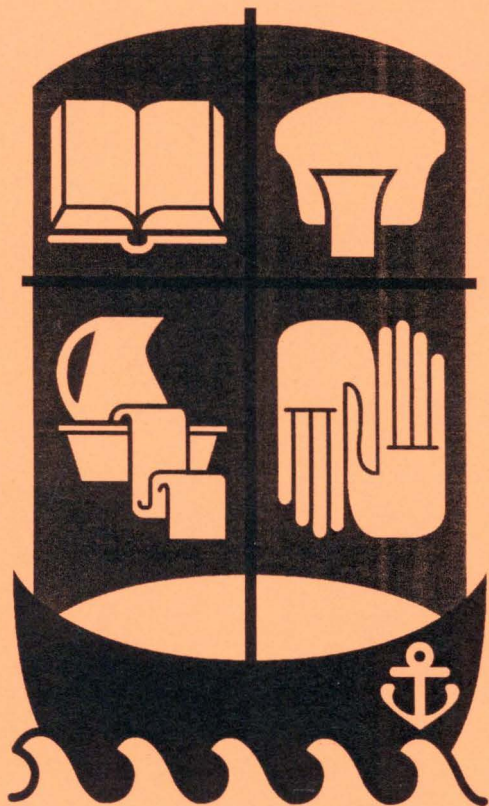


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**Dothan, Alabama**

**October 10, 2015**



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## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FIRST SESSION, 2016

Date:	January 9, 2016
Location:	Eastside Church
Scripture Reading & Prayer:	Host Church
Speaker:	David Williford

### SECOND SESSION, 2016

Date:	May 7, 2016
Location:	Goodwater
Scripture Reading & Prayer:	Host Church
Speaker:	Steve Trail

### 131<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

Date:	September 10, 2016
Location:	Corinth
Scripture Reading & Prayer:	Host Church
Speaker:	Jim McComas

### RETREATS AND YOUTH CAMPS:

Event:	Date:	Location:
Couple's Retreat	Cancelled	
Speaker:		
Ladies' Retreat	April 13-14, 2015	Coffee Baptist Vineyard
Speaker: Sally Cash		
Junior Camp	June 13-17, 2016	Coffee Baptist Vineyard
Speaker: Mike Cox		
Teen Camp	June 20-24, 2016	Coffee Baptist Vineyard
Speaker: Shiloh Hackett		
Men's Retreat	August 19-20, 2016	Coffee Baptist Vineyard
Speaker: Cliff Donoho		
Winter Retreat	December 29-30, 2016	Coffee Baptist Vineyard
Speaker: TBD		

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NANCE, Rev. Blake

DOBBS, Rev. Christopher

PARKER, Rev. Wayne

DOBBS, Rev. Ronnie

PETERS, Rev. Bobby Ned

DRINKWATER, Rev. Terry

PETTIS, Rev. Jeffrey

DYKES, Rev. Larry

REGISTER, Rev. Bobby

FAGAN, Rev. Frank

REGISTER, Rev. Byron

GIBSON, Rev. Michael

TAYLOR, Rev. John

HERSEY, Rev. Fred

TRAIL, Rev. Steve

ISAAC, Rev. David

WARDEN, Dr. Carl

KIRKLAND, Rev. Thomas

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## LICENSED MINISTERS

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Rev. Wayne Parker

Joyce Tew

**Union Springs**

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None

Lennie Sewell

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman and Moderator ..... Rev. Bobby Peters

Rev. Steve Trail, Rev. Jonathan Cordell, Sis. Jennifer Miller,  
Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Bro. David Miller, Bro. Harvey Windham,  
Bro. Ricky Cox, Rev. Jason Miller

MISSION BOARD

Chairman ..... Bro. Jim Blalock (2017)

Bro. Roland Vaughn (2016), Rev. Larry Sowell (2018)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman ..... Rev. Jeff Lunsford (2019)

Rev. David Isaac (2016), Rev. Wayne Parker (2017, Rev. Steve Trail  
(2018), Rev. Billy Bevan (2020)

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT

Chairman ..... Rev. Ronnie Dobbs (2018)

Rev. Sam Shuemaker (2016), Bro. Harvey Windham (2017)

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Chairman ..... Bro. David Miller (2020)

Rev. Jonathan Cordell (2016), Bro. Benjamin Lunsford (2017), Rev. Jeffery  
Pettis (2018), Rev. Jason Miller (2019)

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE ..... Bro. Tim and Sis. Merle  
Jordan

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

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EASTSIDE .....	Virgil Hagler
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FIRST – ENTERPRISE .....	Unknown
FIRST – SAMSON .....	Janatious Paul
GOODWATER .....	Jeff Lunsford
HARVEST .....	David Miller
HICKORY GROVE .....	Jim Blalock
LIBERTY .....	Unknown
MAGNOLIA .....	Unknown
NEW HARMONY .....	Unknown
NEW HOPE .....	Harvey Windham
PANTHER CREEK .....	Rev. Michael Gibson
SHILOH .....	Unknown
SPRING HILL .....	Unknown
UNION HILL .....	Jimmy Smith
UNION SPRINGS .....	Jerry Dixon



# FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION MINUTES

January 10, 2015

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church

**The First Quarterly Meeting of the Florida State Line Association** was held on January 10, 2015. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "I Want To Know More About My Lord" and "A New Name Written Down In Glory" Opening prayer was led by Bro. Jerry Dixon.

**The welcome** was given by **Rev. Chris Dobbs**, and the response was given by **Rev. Wayne Parker**.

**The Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell**, opened the meeting and called it to order.

**The Moderator's Opening Remarks** were given by **Rev. Tim York**:

He thanked everyone for allowing them to be at the meeting and mentioned that his family was with him today. He brings greetings from Buffalo, New York. He informed us that there in New York where they live it is really cold. There was over 7 feet of snow at his house not long ago. He told us that, being a southerner, he was not at all used to snow much less that much snow.

He shared a little about the mission work and church in Buffalo, NY. They do have their own building which is a blessing for them from God. They were using a storefront but now they had a building they could call their own which used to be an old library. It has a generator which will allow them to be a place of warmth to show the love of Christ during the coldest of winters. Even during the coldest of winters, they can be a shelter from bad storms as a ministry when needed for those around them. They have seen a boost in attendance because of excitement over the building.

Their greatest desire is to show the love of God. They want to show that love in tangible ways, so, they host two big events every year. One such event is a family fun day or an outdoor carnival. They close off the street and have inflatables and allow families to come for free to this event. They also host a big Easter Egg Hunt every year. The first year they hid 2,000 eggs, the next year they went to 5,000 eggs, and last year was 10,000 eggs. It takes about three hours to hide the eggs and not very long for the kids to find them. When they turn them loose, they look like a plague of locust going out across the field. They do lots of other things

like free lunches as well.

The most exciting thing going on with them is that they are partnering with Bro. Brian and Mrs. Emily Williams, but God is also allowing them to start a deaf church. There are over 70,000 deaf people. His wife is fluent in Native American Sign Language so God is helping them to work to reach those people. Throughout the country, 93% of deaf people go to no church. That means only 7% of deaf people go to some type of church. So they are trying to tap into this people group. They've had many obstacles, but despite those God is blessing. They've recently had the largest group of deaf individuals on a Sunday morning and on that morning they had three new deaf people come.

He passed out prayer cards and asked that as many as possible would prayerfully consider funding their work there in New York. He asked that people seriously consider helping them with funding. Much of their funding came from Kentucky which is coal country. Coal is not doing well so they have lost some funding.

**Credentials Committee** (Ordaining Council) was appointed.

**Finance Committee:** Sis. Merle Jordan and Sis. Susie Blalock were called to assist Sis. Jerri Cordell.

**Petitionary letters** requested. – None

**Correspondence** from Sister Associations. – None

**Recognition of ministers and deacons:** 11 ministers were present, 6 deacons.

**Scripture reading and prayer** was given by **Bro. Jim Blalock**. He read from the John 15:1-10. He then led us in prayer.

**Rev. Bobby Peters** reminded us of the announcements on the back of the bulletin as well as a change on the announcements on the back of the bulletin. Rev. Joe Godfrey is coming to several churches in January.

Rev. Jason Miller encouraged all churches to invite Rev. Godfrey. He is a world of information about what is going on in our state legislature. He also can help us better understand the laws and rules that affect our churches.

Rev. Byron Register invited everyone to a Gospel Jam at Liberty Church January 10, 2015.

Bro. Ricky Carroll invited everyone to a Gospel sing at Grandview Baptist Church on January 22, 2015

Rev. Jason Miller invited everyone to their Annual Missions Conference on February 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Three men will be coming to preach at

their church.

Rev. Ricky Carroll thanked everyone for the shoeboxes that were donated for the Mexico trip. They gave out about 2,500 gifts and about 2,500 lbs. of rice and beans. He was glad for the help, but they ran out of boxes before they ran out of people. So they need our help again next year. Some other bad news is that the Mexican Government has said that they cannot take used clothes anymore. They can take new clothes so he will take any of them that anyone wants to give. He told everyone that they would be glad to come into our churches to talk to us about the Mexico Mission.

**Credentials Committee Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**: We have 18 churches, 15 reporting, 15 with delegates.

MSC to receive as information.

**Roll Call of Elected Delegates by the Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell.**

MSC of standing delegates to seat delegates.

**Mission Board Report** was given by **Rev. Christopher Dobbs**. The Mission banquet will be held at Harvest Christian School Gym on January 31, 2015 @ 6:00 PM but the meet and greet starts @ 5:30 PM. The cost for the banquet is \$10.00 per person, \$35.00 maximum per family. Rev. Dobbs informed us that there is a list available of churches that will be hosting missionaries the following Sunday, February 1, 2015. Please see that list to see what missionaries will be coming to your church. The cost cannot be helped. That is what they are being charged by the caterers and so they have to pass that cost on to the people that will be attending the banquet. He reminded us that it is not our calling to go but we can help others go so he asked us to please consider giving to these mission works that will be represented.

MSC to receive the report.

**Rev. Bobby Peters gave the ACTS 1:8 report from Rev. Rick Cash.** The total for ACTS 1:8 in 2014 was \$512,673.49. This was short of the goal of \$552,625.00 by \$39,952.00. However this was an increase over 2013 by \$7,296.24. 2015 ACTS 1:8 budget goal is \$505,000.00. He thanked the Florida Stateline Association for our gifts totaling \$56,826.90.

Rev. Peters thanked everyone for their support of ACTS 1:8 and he encouraged anyone that was not supporting that program to please consider beginning that support. It is one of the best things that Alabama Free Will Baptists has ever done.



**Youth and Christian Education Report** was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. He began by encouraging everyone to do their best to support missions and the ACTS 1:8 program. The Winter Retreat was held in December and there were 55 in attendance. God really blessed at the Winter Retreat.

Packets were distributed to pastors at the Association Meeting containing dates of the following upcoming events:

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Couples' Retreat** at Lake Point Resort in Eufaula, AL. The cost is \$100 per couple. Speaker: Rev. Brian Williams and Sis. Emily Williams will be there for this retreat. We will have a separate session for men and women at the retreat.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Ladies' Retreat** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Sis. Sally Cash will be the speaker for this retreat. The cost is \$45.00.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Mens' Retreat** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Rev. Cliff Donoho will be the speaker for this retreat. The cost is \$45.00.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Junior Camp** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be announced at a future time. The cost of camp is \$145.00 per camper.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Teen Camp** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be announced at a future time. The cost of camp is \$145.00 per camper.

All of these camps and retreats are provided to help everyone, young and old, to be better Christians and to get involved in our churches.

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> year at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard so it will be a special year this year. He asked that everyone come out to celebrate the many years God has blessed us at the Vineyard and all that God has done.

MSC to receive the report.

Rev. Peters told us of his first remembrances of camp and told the assembly that camp was the best thing that we could do for our young people in the Stateline Association.

**Minister's Retirement Board Report. – No Report Given**

**Ordaining Council Report. – No Report Given**

**The Children's Home Report** was given by **Bro. Tim Jordan**. He told



us that the Children's Home has cared for and changed the lives of nearly 1,000 children since 1947. He encouraged us to contact them if we knew anyone with children that need to be at the Home.

This past year was not a good year financially for the Home. They ended the year with a deficit, yet there were still 6 children saved at the Home this past year. He asked that we pray for the spiritual needs of the Children's Home kids. There have been some staff changes.

He reminded us of the Fall Harvest Drive and said that they are still putting it on every year and have been since the 50's. This past year was probably the most successful Fall Harvest Drive they've ever had. First Church of Dothan and all of the association churches helped to make it what it was. He got to see the big pantry. It takes a lot of stuff to fill it up and maintain it.

Many of the kids are a lot better off when they go to the home.

He loves to go to the Toy Run. \$83,000.00 was raised at the lost Toy Run. He wanted to let people know that they can get on the mailing or emailing list if they would give him there information.

**Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report** was given by **Sis. Jerri Cordell**. Total Receipts for the General Fund was \$2,191.17; Total Disbursements was \$1,024.99; Grand Total \$3,216.16.

MSC to receive the receipt.

**Registration Committee Report** was given by **Sis. Angela Mefford, Harvest Church** as follows:

Ministers	12
Deacons	8
Elected Church Delegates	38
Guests	30
Total	88

MSC to receive as information and with a rising vote of thanks.

**District WAC Report** was given by **Sis. Wendy Shuemake**, District President as follows:

She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

God is doing great things. She is reminded of that as she looks at the report she is about to give. She talked about Lamentations 3:22-23 which tells us that God's mercies are new every morning and God's faithfulness is great. God help us to be thankful for all He has done and help us to stand united to face all that we may have to face in the future. God promised us that He would never leave us or forsake us. It's hard to see, but we must remember to have faith in God.

She encouraged everyone to start praying for the district meeting on

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Goodwater F. W. Baptist Church. Registration is at 9:00 A. M. and the meeting begins at 9:30 A. M. She encouraged all ladies to attend and join in for a fun time of fellowship, to bring their covered dish and provision closet item.

Alabama State WAC Convention will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with registration beginning @ 8:00 AM and the meeting beginning at 8:30 AM @ First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan.

She also reminded ladies to send pictures and different items in to Sis. Angela Mefford so that those items can be put in the scrapbook that is being prepared.

MSC to receive as information.

**MSC to give today's offering to Rev. Tim York's Account.**

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

**Rev. Steve Trail** made a request to submit the spring scholarship amounts to Bro. Zack Vickery and Bro. Billy Champion.

**Rev. Steve Trail** also updated us on International Missions and the World Mission Offering which will be taken in April. The offering boxes are available for the World Mission Offering. He encouraged everyone to get involved with International Missions and asked that any Pastors and churches that are planning on getting involved with the World Mission Offering to let them know.

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing "Living By Faith" and "Farther Along" led by Rev. Jason Miller. Bro. Ricky Carroll led in prayer. Then Rev. Miller led in singing, "In The Garden (He Walks With Me and He Talks With Me)," "Hand In Hand With Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

**The Special Music** was performed by **Rev. Tim York and Sis. York**. Mrs. York talked about the deaf ministry they are trying to get started. She mentioned that it was hard to leave to go back on itinerate, because things have been going good after a seemingly long time of setbacks. There were other churches in the area that were also trying to get into deaf ministry and they have also had difficulties while trying to start their ministries.

She told a story about a lady that her husband, Tim, met at a conference who she met through a unique set of circumstances. This lady is also trying to start a deaf ministry in New York. They have had times of

positive ministry and growth and they have had setbacks. The ministry seems to be full of ups and down, but God is working to help each of these ministries. They sang "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" as Mrs. York signed the words to the congregation.

**The Message** was given by **Rev. Tim York**, Missionary to Buffalo, New York.

His text was James 2:19-20, and the thought for his message was: "Straying" or "Being on a Sanctified Search and Rescue Mission."

He likes James because he was a straight shooter and he tells it like it is. He was very blunt. Not only that but James is a little bit of a smart aleck as we'll see in this passage of scripture.

He mentioned that he was a big proponent of camp as well. Many amazing things in his life happened when he went to youth camp.

James would many times look at both sides of a coin. Such as "we should hear the Word, but we should also do the Word." You love God and you love people. Both sides of the coin. In James 2:14 he begins to change gears a little bit.

Sometimes we as Christians use our "Christianese." We know what we mean when we say something, but others do not always know what we mean. We have to explain ourselves.

James begins by talking about two counterfeit faiths and then he talks about true and genuine salvation.

#### **1. He talks about a dead faith.**

Can a faith save you that is not shown through our works. Saving faith will always change how you live, how you think and who you are. We can evaluate our faith by our works. We hear people say "Only God can judge. You cannot judge me." But God was not saying that we should never look at people's works to see if they are saved. He was talking about having a judgmental spirit. A religious person with dead faith will not do anything to help fill needs. They just simply talk about what needs to be done. They see the needs of those around them and they say "go and be filled", but they can't without some type of help. Jesus said "occupy" do business till I come. True Christ followers do. We love our little sayings so often. We have our greeting card



sayings, but God wants us to take actions. Religion says, but Jesus did. He gave. Dead faith does nothing. It talks but there is no walk.

**2. He talks about a demonic faith.**

Since Jesus went back to heaven, there have been two camps or viewpoints. He mentioned that there is the faith camp and there is the works camp. They both have opposing viewpoints and the sad reality is that they are both wrong. This type of faith is demonic faith. This type of faith is a demonic faith. They know the truth, but they refuse to believe. Demonic faith knows the truth of Jesus Christ, but they do not know surrender. We have way too many people that say they are saved but they have never changed. Many know Jesus as Savior, but they do not know Him as Lord, Master and Slave Owner. Satan is deceiving these people into believing they are alright, but they are not. This kind of counterfeit Christianity is prevalent in the church, they believe but they are not different.

**3. He talks about a dynamic faith.**

James becomes offensive. Sometimes we must become offensive. James says, "Don't you know that faith without works is dead." Abraham's faith was accompanied by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar. Then he mentions Rahab the harlot. Two people totally different. One justified by works and the other totally by faith. Rahab started off her spiritual journey with a lie. When Jesus saves us and we experience dynamic faith, He will change our lives forever, no matter who we are or what we have done.

He told a story about a queen that decided to go to the theater. She went in to the theater building but made her coachman stay out in the freezing cold. It was told that the cries of the queen could be heard all over the theater building because of the storyline of the play. She went out to her coach to find her coachman dead from the freezing cold. It is told that without a tear in her eye, she removed the coachman and left him on the sidewalk and hired another coachman to drive her home. She cared nothing for the coachman but cared more about a storyline.

We as Christians are very similar to the queen. We say we care and we go and pray for the lost, but we never do anything to help them or to show them Jesus. We are like that queen. True faith is not just believing but showing that faith and belief to others. Dynamic faith will change the Christian, but it will change the people that comes in contact with that



Christian as well. Dynamic faith will show God's love to all those that we come in contact with.

**Rev. Christopher Dobbs** gave us instruction for the afternoon meal and **Bro. David Miller** asked God's blessing on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jonathan Cordell, Clerk

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION MINUTES

April 11, 2015

Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Florida State Line Association was held on April 11, 2015. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "Family Of God" and "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" Opening prayer was led by Bro. Fred Hersey.

The welcome was given by Rev. Wayne Parker, and the response was given by Rev. Byron Register.

The Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell, opened the meeting and called it to order.

**The Moderator's Opening Remarks** were given by Rev. Cliff Donoho:

He told us that it was a joy to be here. He got a little nervous on his way here because he was following some Free Will Baptist's directions. He told us that when the work there in Tallahassee, things were looking good. They had 64 coming regularly on Sundays. But then the summer slump hit and they went from 64 to 30. He asked for prayers for the work there in Tallahassee. They had a nice building but they could not continue to pay such high rent. They had to move into the local movie theater and the second week they were there, the theater started showing movies. That did not work well for them and they lost four families over that.

God opened the door for them to be able to go to Capital City Christian Church which was a big church whose auditorium could seat 490. The church offered to allow them to use their Junior Church building which had presentation equipment, chairs and a nice parking lot for \$1,000.00 a month. They jumped on the opportunity so they are now having church at this location.

**Finance Committee:** Sis. Jerri Cordell and Sis. Merle Jordan were called to assist Sis. Jennifer Miller.

**Credentials Committee** (Ordaining Council) was appointed.

**Petitionary letters** requested. – None

**Correspondence** from Sister Associations. – None

Rev. Bobby Peters gave the ACTS 1:8 report from Rev. Rick Cash.

The total for ACTS 1:8 in 2014 was \$517,673.49. This was short of the goal of \$552,625.00 by \$39,952.00. However this was an increase over 2013 by \$7,296.24. Year to date giving for ACTS 1:8 for 2015 through March total \$149,365.16. This was \$10,629.00 more than we received in the first three months of 2014. Our ACTS 1:8 budget goal for 2015 is \$505,000.00. He thanked the Florida State Line Association for our 2014 gifts totaling \$56,554.90, and our gifts totaling \$6,386.00 so far this year. Rev. Peters asked for prayer for Bro. Jamey and Sis. Tammy Lancaster who had to come back to the states because of Tammy's health issues. She was admitted to the hospital with diverticulitis and an abscess. She has been released but still has other health issues that will need to be addressed. Pray for God's Wisdom for the doctors and comfort for the family.

Rev. Peters also asked that the association pray for the Alabama Mission Board and Eastside Free Will Baptist Church. They are taking part in the revitalization program. Rev. Billy Bevin will be preaching at Eastside tomorrow and he will be working to help Eastside begin to grow again. The State Mission Board believes that Rev. Bevin will do well there at Eastside.

He mentioned Bay City Free Will Baptist Church. They are still working toward going self supporting. They average in the mid 70's on Sunday Morning and nearly 60 on Wednesday Nights. They are doing great with 130 people calling Bay City Free Will Baptist Church their home church. In 2014, 17 were saved and 10 baptized and there were 7 saved in the last two months.

The Mexico Ministry is doing great. Bro. Ricky Carroll stood and asked for prayers as he and a group will be going to Mexico in the next few weeks. He also said that they do need more workers. Bro. Carroll mentioned that anyone who is interested in helping please see him.

#### **Prayer Requests were given:**

Rev. Larry Dykes is having gall bladder surgery.

Lamar Barker – Cancer in his kidneys.

Loren Helms – Cancer still and they are not sure where it is. He is 46 years old.

Buddy Bell – He had a minor stroke this week.

Andrew Fisher – Unspoken requests.

Brooklyn McCune – We are thankful for the prayers for her. She is now 8 months and they will look at surgery for her when she reaches 1 year old.

Rev. Jason Miller led the congregation in prayer.



Rev. Peters also mentioned that Rev. Rick Cash has resigned his position as Promotional Director so the Executive Committee has the responsibility of replacing him.

**Scripture reading and prayer** was given by **Rev. Wayne Parker**. He read from the Judges 2:6-10. He then led us in prayer.

**Credentials Committee Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**: We have 18 churches, 17 reporting, 16 with delegates. He mentioned that New Harmony had been sent a letter and it was returned.

MSC to receive as information.

**Roll Call of Elected Delegates by the Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell.**

MSC of standing delegates to seat delegates.

**Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report** was given by **Sis. Jennifer Miller**. Total Receipts for the General Fund was \$2,647.64; Total Disbursements was \$1,500.72; Grand Total \$4,148.36.

MSC to receive the receipt.

**Mission Board Report.** No Report Given.

**Youth and Christian Education Report** was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. The Youth and Christian Education Board stays busy. We do that because we want to help those in our association grow closer to the Lord, both children and adults alike.

The Men's Retreat was a great success. There were 36 at the Men's Retreat. We utilized the new chapel. Rev. Cliff Donoho was the speaker for that Men's Retreat.

The Ladies' Retreat was also an excellent time for the ladies of the association with around 36 in attendance for that retreat as well. They had everything decorated amazingly. Sis. Sally Cash was the speaker at the Ladies' Retreat.

There were questions about moving the Couple's Retreat to Florida but there has not been any discussion yet among the board on doing so. Eufaula and the Lakepoint Resort is a great place to host the Couple's Retreat since it is a beautiful place and so close to the churches in the association. It is also difficult to get people to come to the Couple's Retreat when it is so close, it would be even more difficult to get them to go to Florida. With that being said the board will look into the possibility. There were 31 couples at the Couple's Retreat, 19 of which



spent the night.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Junior Camp** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be Rev. James Bradley from Virginia. The cost of camp is \$145.00 per camper.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Teen Camp** at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be Rev. Christian Powell from Virginia. The cost of camp is \$145.00 per camper.

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> year at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard so it will be a special year this year. He asked that everyone come out to celebrate the many years God has blessed us at the Vineyard and all that God has done.

MSC to receive the report.

#### **Minister's Retirement Board Report. – No Report Given**

**The Ordaining Council Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**. The Ordaining Council would like to recommend that Rev. Fred Hersey be accepted into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Midway Association in Blakely, GA.

They also mentioned that Rev. Randy Dean had been accepted and called as pastor at Magnolia Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Lunsford also asked churches to notify the Ordaining Council before they call a pastor to their church. It works better that way.

MSC to receive the receipt and accept Rev. Hersey into the Association.

#### **The Children's Home Report** was given by **Bro. Tim Jordan**.

Since 1947, the Children's Home has been a beacon for troubled children and has served nearly 1,000 children over that time period. Last year the Home had 39 children throughout the year coming and going with 19 there now, 11 girls and 8 boys. He asked for recommendations of children that the Home could help.

Mike Corley has been the director for quite a few years but has decided to retire. They will be ministering now in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and he asked that we pray for him and his wife as they begin this new step in their lives.

He praised the Lord that 3 children in the last few months have accepted Christ as their Savior. He reminded us that this is the most important work they do there at the Home.

Ms. Lynn Davis has returned to the staff at the Children's Home after a

short interval away from the Home to take care of her mother. He mentioned the Toy Run. He felt like everyone knew about the Toy Run and he informed us that they would be having it again. He reminded us that this is one of the biggest fund raisers for the Children's Home and so he asked that everyone pray for that event. They had one student named Jalisa that is a senior in High School this year. He asked us to please pray for her as she endeavors to fulfill God's Will for her life.

One of the houses has a new roof on it and he thanked God for that. He mentioned the Midsouth Bible Conference on April 29, 2015 through May 1, 2015 and reminded us that Dr. David Crowe and Rev. Jim McComas would be speaking at the Bible Conference. He wanted to let people know that they can get on the mailing or emailing list if they would give him their information. It was also mentioned that Bro. Danny Williams was now the new director of the Children's Home.

MSC to receive the receipt.

**Registration Committee Report** was given by **Sis. Angela Mefford, Harvest Church** as follows:

Ministers	9
Deacons	9
Elected Church Delegates	35
Guests	14
Total	67

MSC to receive as information and with a rising vote of thanks for the host church for their hospitality.

**District WAC Report** was given by **Sis. Wendy Shuemake**, District President as follows:

She informed us that they had a wonderful District Meeting. God is always faithful in His promises, He has been faithful yet again and she thanked God for that.

Alabama State WAC Convention will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with registration beginning @ 8:00 AM and the meeting beginning at 8:30 AM @ First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan. Ladies please come whether you are a WAC member or not. She asked that we pray for the meeting and Sis. Carolyn Michaels who will be doing the speaking for the State Convention.

The Mission's Cookout will be August 15, 2015 at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church. She encouraged everyone to pray for the Cookout and pray for the missionaries and what we each should give to keep those missionaries on the field.

She mentioned the loss of Sis. Annette Tomlinson who was a pioneer for the WAC. She was a fantastic lady, she loved missions and she will be greatly missed. She said that we needed to remember the family and loved ones of Sis. Annette in prayer. Bro. David Miller mentioned that today would have been Sis. Annette's Birthday.

MSC to receive as information.

Rev. Jonathan Cordell mentioned that the National Association is trying to compile copies of all of the Quarterly Minute Books for the Association. He asked that anyone who had any of the copies of those minutes to please see him after the meeting.

Rev. Steve Trail also mentioned that the National Association Meeting would be in the State of Alabama in 2021. It is expensive to host that meeting. He mentioned that the State Association had to come up with \$30,000.00 by then. He related to us that the State Association is asking that each church donate \$100.00 a year for the next five years to help cover those costs that will be incurred. The National meeting will be in Birmingham at that time.

Rev. Fred Hersey mentioned that God had blessed him. He was in Japan for 40 years and been in Blakely, GA for the last 13 years. He mentioned that he was available for any churches that might need a preacher to fill in for them.

It was asked if the Children's Home sent out a list of needs for the children and/or the Home and the answer was that this information was located in each newsletter that goes out.

**MSC to give today's offering to Legacy Church, Rev. Cliff Donoho's Church.**

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing "Just A Little While To Stay Here," "I'm Free Again" and "More, More About Jesus" led by Rev. Jason Miller. Rev. Bobby Peters mentioned that it was his opinion that the preaching service was the most important part of the Association Meeting, and he has always worked to emphasize it. He told us that he had heard of Rev. Cliff Donoho. He did not know him until he met him at a men's retreat one year. Rev. Donoho has a heart for people and souls, and we are thankful that he was able to come and it is a joy to have



him. Bro. Jerry Dixon led the congregation in prayer. Then Rev. Miller led in singing, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "The Haven Of Rest" and the chorus "Through It All."

**The Special Music** was performed by **Rev. Cliff Donoho and Rev. Steve Trail**. He mentioned that our churches are losing some things in our song services. We are forgetting the old convention style singing. He told us that at his church was going to be getting back to some of that style of singing. He and Rev. Steve Trail sang "I'm Free At Last."

**The Message** was given by **Rev. Cliff Donoho**, Missionary to Tallahassee FL, pastor of Legacy Church. He thanked us again for the opportunity to be with us, and be around fellow Free Will Baptists. He doesn't take any preaching opportunity lightly.

He told us he was going to address something today that we really need to hear, something that Free Will Baptists better get ahold of or we are going to be finished as an association. His text was James 5:19-20, and the thought for his message was: "Spiritual Search and Rescue Mission."

They had an event not long ago where they handed out drinks and food at a huge kids park with several pavilions in the park. While passing out the drinks and food, they were advertising an Easter Egg Hunt they would be hosting. Because of the Easter Egg Hunt, they talked with seven families that he believes that they will be coming to his services and so he asked that we pray for those families. That is what we are supposed to be doing, reaching out to the lost.

James ends the book by letting us know that we are to help those that have gone astray. There are some thing that we must remember about straying.

**1. We should be conscious of the potential to stray.**

We as Christians must stay strong in the Lord. The potential for falling is ever present. We must remember what 1 Corinthians 10:12 says. We must remember that we all have the potential to fall. There is a process for straying. Matthew 5:12 talks about it as a sheep that goes astray from the flock. We are all capable of straying when we ere from the prescribed course God has laid out for us. Just because America might legalize things, if God says that it is wrong, it is still wrong. He has seen many that have wondered away from the truth. We wander away from the truth in principle, but we wander away in practice as well. Sometimes as pastors we have to



tell people that they have erred from the truth. The ones that have erred were at one time in the truth. It would be sad if we came back next year and someone hear had erred from the truth and gone astray. Although many still say that they believe God is coming back one day, they don't really believe it. Unfortunately church members have been lost because we as Free Will Baptists can't compromise on matters like alcohol, drugs and other issues that we must never depart on.

**2. We must be aware of the consequences of going astray.**

We are not as close to God as we used to be. There are some consequences to straying from God. There are things that we should be afraid of. We've all had whippings before, especially the "ring around the rosy" style whippings. James tells us, "let him know that he that converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." Many times we skip over this. What James is trying to say is that those of us that go to people that have strayed and try to bring them back into the fold is doing a great work. We as Free Will Baptists still sin sometimes. But those that have really strayed, but have not gone past the point of no return; those that witness to them can bring them back if we don't judge them and instead love them. The verse says among us. Yes, even among us as Free Will Baptists there are those that need to be brought back into the church. Many of our church members are not saved. There are three types of people in churches today. There are true believers, there are unbelievers and there are make believers. Some have just never really been saved. They are make believers. He told us the story about his son who for many years was a make believer but finally got his life right with God. He had done all the right things and knew what to say and how to say it. He was in a ministry for years, but he had never been saved. He had a Christian School diploma, a Bible College Degree and was in a full time Christian ministry, but he had never really gotten his heart right with God.

**3. We must be committed to the people that have strayed.**

What is the means for us to turn others back to Jesus after they have strayed. One of the biggest things that they need is intercessory prayer. When we see people begin to miss church more and more, and they are not as close to God as they once were, then we need to begin to pray for those people and encourage them to come back. At this point, we are on a spiritual rescue mission. We may not look like we are rescuers, we may not have the uniforms and the flashing lights, but we are most certainly on a spiritual search and rescue mission.

An invitation was then given.

Rev. Donoho asked for prayer for the church and he said that if we ever needed someone to do a mission service, he was available. They are not having evening services right now so he can come up and be in their services at night on Sundays.

**Rev. Wayne Parker** gave us instruction for the afternoon meal and he asked God's blessing on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jonathan Cordell, Clerk

## THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION MINUTES

June 27, 2015

Harvest Free Will Baptist Church

**The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Florida State Line Association** was held on June 27, 2015. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian" and prayer was led by Rev. Steve Trail. Then the "One Man Quartet," Bro. Chris Smith and Bro. Samuel Smith, sang several selections including, "I'll Meet You On The Other Side," "When I Cross To The Other Side Of Jordan," "Whosoever Will, Come Unto Jesus" and "Did You Tell Someone About Jesus?" Bro. Smith, during his time of singing, gave us an update on his ministry and asked all of the association churches to consider having him and his son come sing at their churches. He did say that he would sing about Heaven but he would also sing about Hell, and he would sing about the One, Jesus, who is the only one that can save men from their sins.

**The welcome** was given by **Rev. Bobby Peters**, and the response was given by **Bro. Tim Jordan**.

**The Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell**, opened the meeting and called it to order.

**The Moderator's Opening Remarks** were given by **Rev. Tim Riggs**: He thanked us for the opportunity to be at our meeting and he enjoyed his week at Teen Camp this week. He mentioned that Bay City Church was having its share of challenges even after 8 years in Mobile. He mentioned that he has been learning a lot more about himself over the last few months. He has found himself praying more and more lately like John prayed, "He must increase, I must decrease." The church lost a lot of families over the last few months. Blake Nance who was the youth pastor at the church was called to pastor a church in Pensacola Florida. He is very happy for them and glad that they were able to go fill that ministry. He was ready to move into their gym and make that their sanctuary but because they had so many families leave, they have put off those plans. They are still seeing souls saved and lives changed with 8 saved so far this year, and 10 baptisms have taken place very recently. God is blessing them still. He told of quite a few people that had started coming off one street in the same neighborhood.



He told us that 75% of their church membership is new converts. That is a challenge in itself, but his people are growing. They started an outreach program and had 19 sign up for the first class, although not as many showed up for the training. They've had a lot of new young couples recently, many who have now been coming on a regular basis. He asked for prayer for them as well.

His people have really stepped up to the plate when it comes to the work in the church. More of his people have gotten involved than they ever have in the past. They had 12 teenagers come to camp this last week. They had an average of 87 in April and 67 in May of this year. They also lost a good bit of their financial giving so he asked that we pray for the financial challenges at Bay City.

He requested prayer for help with the church music. His people have stepped up again to help fill the void Blake and Kassie left, but they still need someone to fill those rolls. They've got VBS coming up as well. Their van has been sitting for a little while and finally he had a gentleman step up and say that he would take over the van ministry. He not only can drive the van, but he can work on and repair it so that is a real blessing.

He asked that we pray for:

Ericka – A new convert.

Kyle (23) – His baby was born with a body defect.

Jeffery – Ericka's husband. He needs to be saved.

Chris and Candace – Problems in their family. Financially they are doing ok but they need the Lord.

Amanda Powell and her husband – She has four kids. The kids are attending the churches VBS. He is trying to help them out and is hopeful that they will begin going to the church faithfully.

Dylan – He has been into everything, drugs, alcohol and so many other things. He almost died recently. God has delivered him from quite a few things but he is still not saved.

Pray that the church will go self supporting soon.

He is so thankful to Alabama and the ACTS 1:8 program. His account has never been in the red because of the ACTS 1:8 program.

**Credentials Committee** (Ordaining Council) was appointed.

**Finance Committee:** Sis. Jerri Cordell and Sis. Merle Jordan were called to assist Sis. Jennifer Miller.

**Petitionary letters** requested. – None

**Correspondence** from Sister Associations. – None

**Ministers, Deacons and Visitors** were recognized. There were 14 ministers and 8 Deacons present. Bro. Chris and Samuel Smith were



recognized as well.

**Scripture reading and prayer** was given by **Bro. Nick Nelson**. He read from Philippians 3: 13-15. He then led us in prayer.

**Rev. Bobby Peters** asked for any announcements that the churches might want to remind us of.

Bro. Ricky Carroll reminded everyone that they would be doing the shoebox ministry in Mexico again this year at Christmas time. He wanted to ask everyone to help out with that ministry again.

Sis. Susie Blalock informed us that their church was having a rib sale to earn money for their young people to go to the Wilds. Anyone that wanted to buy a slab of ribs should let her know before we leave so that she could get their order in.

Other announcements were mentioned that are on the back of the bulletin including several activities at Liberty, Shiloh's Homecoming and Revival and the Mission Cookout which will be at Harvest Church. Rev. Blake Nance will be the speaker at the Mission Cookout.

Rev. Fred Hersey had a chance recently to go to Japan for a mission trip. He had a layover in France and he was worried they would miss their connecting flight. But God was with them and took care of them and they made it. He gave an excellent report about the churches in Japan and he praised the Lord for what He is doing there.

Rev. Jason Miller announced Revival at Corinth Church on August 2-5, 2015 with Rev. Brent Patrick from Gateway Church in Virginia Beach, VA. He also announced that New Prospect asked him to announce that he will be preaching revival for them on July 12-15, 2015.

Bro. Tim Jordan announced that Welch College will have a ground breaking for the new college on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. They will be relocating to their new facility soon and he asked for prayer for the college as they endeavor this large building project. The college is going from 6 acres to 160.

#### **Roll Call of Elected Delegates by the Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell.**

MSC of standing delegates to seat delegates after Credentials Committee returned.

#### **Mission Board Report – As follows:**

**Rev. Bobby Peters** gave a report from the Executive Office, the **ACTS 1:8 program and the International Missions**. The total for ACTS 1:8 in 2015 was \$505,000.00. At the end of May they had received \$228,892.00. He thanked the Florida State Line Association for

our contribution of \$11,834.00. This is down about \$5,000.00 from what we gave last year. He asked that each church work hard to help make up that difference.

He asked that the Association to pray for the Lancasters who are having health issues. They are back in the states dealing with those health issues.

They also asked prayer for the work going on at Eastside Church in our Association.

**Credentials Committee Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**: We have 18 churches, 17 reporting, 16 with delegates.

MSC to receive as information.

Rev. Billy Bevan gave a report about his ministry that God has allowed him to begin at Eastside Free Will Baptist Church with the State Revitalization Program. Over the past seven Sundays they have averaged 41 on Sunday Morning, 28 on Sunday Nights and they have averaged 22 on Wednesday Nights. Offerings for those weeks are averaging just over \$1,100.00. He asked that we pray that they could get their home sold in Eufaula. They have not baptized anyone yet, but he is hopeful. July 5, 2015 they are having their God and Country Day and they are shooting for 100. Bro. Bevan's Dad, who is 92 and a World War 2 Vet, will be speaking for them on that day. He invited everyone to come.

Anyone that wants to have a missionary on the Sunday of the Mission Cookout, they are asked to speak with Bro. Jim Blalock.

**Youth and Christian Education Report** was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. Youth Camps have just ended in the last two weeks. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. We are still seeing young people's lives changed for the better at youth camp. Young people are getting saved and answering the call of God on their lives there because God is still faithful. He thanked parents and churches for making it possible and helping get their young people to camp. During Junior or Teen Camp, the Word of God was opened to those that attended camp 26 times as a group.

There were 50 juniors at camp and 68 total in attendance. 18 teenagers came and helped during junior camp week that were back at teen camp the next week. What a reinvestment of what God has done in their lives in helping the juniors and showing them that God is faithful. There were 3 saved at junior camp and we give God the glory for that.

There were 90 at teen camp. There were 5 saved at teen camp and one that answered the call to preach.

There were representatives from two Bible Colleges, Welch College and



Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. Several young people made decisions to go to Bible College and others are now considering Bible College as a viable option and they are praying to that end.

Rev. James Bradley was the speaker at Junior Camp and Rev. Christian Powell was the speaker at Teen Camp. Over 220 names were given by our teenagers on Thursday Night to Rev. Christian Powell so that he would pray for their salvation. These young people have a burden for souls.

The cost of camp has gone up drastically. The Board is going to have to do some things different next year. The Board has decided that we are going to provide the meals next year for camp. We are going to provide and cook the meals so we are asking for people to come to the camp as cooks and servers for camp next year. June 13-17, 2016 for Junior Camp and June 20-24, 2016 for Teen Camp. Accommodations can be made for people that need to stay at the facility. The Vineyard does have RV hookups as well for those that have a camper they would like to stay in. The Vineyard Retreat Center is a great facility but we need to make it more affordable.

He asked that we pray for Gena and Shirley Sapp. Their mother passed away while they were at youth camp.

MSC to receive as information.

### **Minister's Retirement Board Report. – No Report Given**

**The Ordaining Council Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**. The Ordaining Council had three items to bring before the body:

Rev. Billy Bevan has been accepted into the association pending a letter of good standing from the Southeastern Association. They recommended that he be extended the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Randy Dean was accepted at the last meeting as pastor at Magnolia Free Will Baptist Church. Yet when he was originally accepted into the Florida State Line Association, he was not extended the right hand of fellowship.

MSC to receive the report and extend to these men the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Lunsford requested more cooperation from the local church bodies. He asked churches to be sure that they familiarize themselves with the bylaws of the presbytery of the association and then the church needs to examine any new pastors before the Ordaining Council examines them. He then suggested that the pastor be called pending the approval of the Ordaining Council. The churches can help eliminate problems ahead of time before the Ordaining Council examines them. It works better that way.

MSC to receive as information.

**The Children's Home Report** was given by **Sis. Merle Jordan**.

She brought greetings from the staff and children at the home. Since 1947 the Home has cared for about 970 children, 39 of them this last year. There are presently 16 children on campus. She requested churches notify them of any children that they might think could be helped by the Home.

Brother Mike Corley was the director for a long time but has now resigned from the Home. Brother Danny Williams has been elected to serve as administrator/ acting director. Summer means busy there at the Home with grass cutting, gardens, football and band practice and other miscellaneous activities. The children are attending different camps over the summer and at least 3 salvation decisions have been made so far. They will be attending Trinity camp in the near future.

In the spring, one of the houses received a new roof. She suggested that youth groups schedule a mission trip to the home to help with maintenance issues and just to see what life is like at the Home.

Many of the churches sent letters with the "Father to the Fatherless." The young people were very encouraged by those letters and the promise to pray for them.

She requested everyone to get on the mailing list for the Home's newsletter as well. Bro. Danny wanted her to encourage the churches to schedule a presentation at their churches. They can no longer bring the children, but he can bring information about who the Home is and what the Home does for children.

MSC to receive as information.

**Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report** was given by **Sis. Jerri Cordell**. Total Receipts for the General Fund was \$2,508.24; Total Disbursements was \$1,635.55; Grand Total \$4,143.79.

MSC to receive the report.

**Registration Committee Report** was given by **Sis. Angela Mefford and Annie Nelson, Harvest Church** as follows:

Ministers	14
Deacons	9
Elected Church Delegates	41
Guests	27
Total	91

A head count revealed that there were 104 present at the meeting.

MSC to receive as information and with a rising vote of thanks.



**District WAC Report** was given by **Sis. Wendy Shuemaker**, District President as follows:

She reminded us that our God is so good all the time. They came across a bad accident and asked for prayer for the family.

The Mission's Cookout will be August 15, 2015 at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church @ 5:30 PM and the speaker will be Rev. Blake Nance. She encouraged everyone to pray for the Cookout and be sure to work hard to save their money for ACTS 1:8. The goal for the cookout is \$30,000.00.

She asked prayer for the missionaries and for the spiritual battles they are going through and will continue to go through.

She also asked for prayer for our troops that are fighting for our freedoms. She is thankful that in America we are still free and we all should be thankful for the nation God has blessed us with.

MSC to receive as information.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Rev. Peters appointed the following committees for the Annual Meeting in October:

Nominations:

Ricky Carroll  
David Miller  
Jerry Dixon

Temperance: Shiloh

Suggestions: Corinth

Placement: Liberty

Auxiliary: Clerk

Registration: Harvest

Obituary: Clerk

Motion, Second and Vote to table a request to change the Constitution of the Florida State Line Association concerning meeting frequency and dates per the requirements of the Constitution. The issue will be taken up at the Annual meeting in October.

**MSC to give today's offering to Bay City Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Tim Rigg's Church.**

#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing "The Old Gospel Ship" by Rev. Jason Miller. The Congregation was led in prayer by Bro. David Miller.

**The Special Music** was performed by "The One Man Quartet," Bro.

**Chris Smith and his Son, Samuel Smith.** They sang several selections including "Where We Gonna Put The Piano and Who We Gonna Get To Play?" "The Church of The Frigidaire" and "Thank You For The Sacrifice." He mentioned that he was thankful that he was an American and proud to be one. God has been good to America, yet America is turning its back on God. But he said that he would rather be an American than from many other places he could have been born in.

He mentioned his mother who toured with him for a lot of years. She has gone on to be with the Lord, but they still sing duets together. He thanked the Association for having him and then he sang a duet with his mom from a recording he had of her singing. "In His Arms I'm not afraid."

Then Rev. David Isaac led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**The Message** was given by **Rev. Tim Riggs**, Missionary to Mobile AL, pastor of Bay City Free Will Baptist Church. His text was Mark 9:14-18, and the thought for his message was: "And They Could Not."

He told us that a float ran out of gas one year at the Rose Bowl Parade ran out of gas bringing the entire parade to a screeching halt. The really bad thing about this particular float was that it represented the Standard Oil Company, who, despite their vast resources allowed their float to go without the one thing it needed to continue moving forward. He reminded us that this is the same in the Christian walk. We have unlimited resources and all we have to do is pray to God to receive those resources, but so often we neglect that one most important thing.

**1. The pitiful condition of the world.**

This passage follows Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop before Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah had descended from heaven to be there with Jesus as he is transfigured. But then they come down off of the mountaintop and back into the valley. Satan is ruining people's lives today just as he was ruining the life of this man and his son. The Bible says that Satan has come to "kill, steal and destroy." He mentioned that the Supreme Court decision yesterday concerning marriage was a tragedy for America. No man can change God's law and they have not heard from the final judge yet. He is greatly concerned about our nation.

But then Rev. Riggs reminded us that the Supreme Court is not our enemy, nor are the homosexuals our enemy, but Satan is our real enemy. Satan is destroying men, women, boys and girls through drugs, alcohol, sex and so many other things that he has entangled

them with. This man had been attacked by this devil at a young age. Satan is attacking people younger and younger. This man and his child are like so many today whose dreams and lives are being destroyed.

**2. The powerless condition of God's people, the Church.**

This man brought his son to who he thought could help him. He brought him to Jesus' disciples. They should have had the power to cast this devil out. God had given them that power earlier, yet they could not cast him out. Not that they wouldn't, but they couldn't. This world is looking for hope and help, and they come to the church looking, yet so many times we cannot help. We are powerless to help this world. People come looking, but when they leave church, they are disillusioned because God's people cannot help. So often we fail to live up to the world's expectations. Jesus Christ is the answer. It was not like that in the early church. Peter and John healed a helpless and hopeless man when they introduced him to Jesus and he got up and walked. We have access to that same power, but so often, "we could not."

**3. The Powerful cure from Jesus Christ.**

Jesus Christ is the answer for this world. So often we have doubt. This man had doubt. Part of that doubt came because he had been trying for so long to get help for his son but no one had been able to help. His faith was weak. Nothing is impossible with God, but sometimes our faith waivers for different reasons. This man said "if you can" do anything, but Jesus can do everything. The Devil and all the demons of Hell have no power against the power of Jesus and the power of His Word. Jesus is still in the lifting business. He is busy helping people that want to be helped. He told us of a couple of young ladies who Jesus helped by lifting them out of their sin and into his hope.

**4. The Prayer that creates such power.**

Jesus told the disciples that this kind of demon comes out not but by prayer and fasting. Prayer is our greatest weapon to defeat Satan. He mentioned that lately in his church and ministry he has had to pray more than he has ever. We need to pray and fast for our churches. He invited his church to do that for a month. They were challenged to pray and fast for that month and God moved greatly. Satan has been on the attack ever since but he would rather have the devil fighting against him rather than cheering him on. He reminded us that batteries get low and they have to be charged up. Sometimes,



we too must be charged up. We must plug into the power source of Jesus Christ through prayer and fasting. The disciples learned a valuable lesson. We must keep our lives charged up in Jesus Christ.

An invitation was then given.

**Rev. Bobby Peters** gave us instruction for the afternoon meal and he asked God's blessing on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jonathan Cordell, Clerk



## 130th ANNUAL SESSION MINUTES

October 10, 2015

First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan

The 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Association Meeting of the Florida State Line Association was held on October 10, 2015. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "Nothing Blood," and "There Is Power In The Blood." Opening prayer was led by Bro. Tim Jordan.

**The welcome** was given by **Rev. Jeff Pettis**, associate pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, our host church today, and the response was given by Bro. Pat Paul.

**The Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell**, opened the meeting and called it to order.

**The Moderator's Opening Remarks** were given by **Rev. Jim McComas**. Bro. McComas brought greetings from Dr. David Crowe, the director of Free Will Baptist North American Ministries. They are involved in many different things, and so they are switching gears a good bit in their department. Church planting is still the heartbeat of the department. They have 55 church planters serving in 42 different locations across North America such as the work in Semmes, AL with Bro. Tim Riggs and the Bay City Free Will Baptist Church. This also includes six Hispanic works that are overseeing 38 different church plants. They plant churches in places like Apex, NC and in Irvine, CA which of course is not a hotbed of Free Will Baptist Conservatism. They have teams going to HA and 8 military chaplains representing Free Will Baptists. So each week about 2,000 people gather to worship in Home Mission Churches in 24 different states and on the average about 40 people are saved monthly.

Master's Men is now also under the umbrella of Home Missions. They work to help in construction of buildings. Ken Acres and the Master's Men are also partnering with and helping the churches in SC. He asked for prayer for them and the flooding going on there.

He reminded us of the Free Will Baptist Church Extension Loan Fund where Free Will Baptists can invest money and get a good rate of return with better interest than the banks and no penalty for early withdrawal. That money is then loaned to Free Will Baptist Churches to help build buildings and the like.

He then reminded everyone that he is the Director of Church Revitaliz-

ation. He reminded us that if we plant one church but two other churches are struggling and closing their doors, then we are not even breaking even. Hundreds of churches are on life support and are barely able to keep their doors open. They have several projects going at this time. Right here in the Florida State Line Association, Eastside Free Will Baptist Church is partnering with the Alabama State Association, the Home Missions Department and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bevan to try to revitalize that church. They are doing an amazing job there. He mentioned several other works as well with this revitalization program and so he asked for prayer for all of these works.

There are some regional church growth and leadership seminars very soon including one coming up very soon in Muscle Shoals, AL at Rev. Shiloh Hackett's Church. This is where the men from the department teach about leadership and church revitalization on a regional basis.

In May, they decided to have the very first National Church Growth and Revitalization Program Seminar. The response was amazing and he has not heard any negative comments about the Seminar. They have already scheduled the one for next year in Pigeon Forge, TN. The theme for that seminar will be "Hands Held High, a Ministry of Encouragement."

The last thing he spoke of was one of his major roles, which is assessment of the churches he visits for the revitalization program. His job is to assess, but then it is up to the church to evaluate the information given to them.

He told us that he would love to be a help to anyone, all we had to do was call.

**Credentials Committee** (Ordaining Council) was appointed and dismissed to do their work.

**Finance Committee:** Sis. Jerri Cordell and Sis. Merle Jordan were called to assist Sis. Jennifer Miller.

**Petitionary letters** were requested. – None

**Correspondence** from Sister Associations. – None

**Rev. Jim McComas was recognized as a special guest. Recognition of ministers and deacons:** 13 ministers were present, 6 deacons.

**Rev. Jeff Pettis shared John 14:6 with us.** He reminded us that Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven. He reminded us to stand with Jesus and stand on Him as the Rock. But we also need to be a light and salt in our communities for Jesus Christ. He then led us in prayer.

**Rev. Peters** reminded the congregation of the announcements on the back of the bulletin.

Anniversary Sunday @ Harvest

Gospel Jam/Sing @ Liberty

Homecoming and Revival @ Panther Creek

Homecoming @ Union Springs

Revival @ First Church, Dothan

Bro. Tim Jordan reminded us that the Master's Men works to serve the communities they are in.

Rev. Jason Miller informed us that Rev. Rick Cash would be recognized at the State Association. The Association asked that the churches consider a monetary donation to Bro. Rick. At this time, Bro. Rick's health is very poor and so he also asked that everyone pray for him.

Rev. Jason Miller led the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises of God."

**Credentials Committee Report:** Chairman Rev. Jeff Lunsford told us there were 18 churches in our Association, 14 reporting with delegates.

**Roll Call of elected delegates.** Delegates were seated.  
MSC of standing delegates to seat the delegates.

**Mission Board** report was given by Rev. Billy Bevan. He said that although God is blessing, the church has plateaued some. They have around 50 on Sunday Mornings and 40 on Sunday Nights. They have been working around the church to make it look better including changing some carpet, putting up a new sign and making repairs to the parking lot.

He informed us that he had not been able to sell their house yet, but he wasn't too concerned about that. The church is talking to a few young men about coming to help there at the church. He asked for prayer that God would bless the prospects they have been talking to.

Rev. Peters gave a report from the promotional director's office. Rev. Danny Williams has been appointed as the Promotional Director for the State of Alabama which will be confirmed at the Alabama State Association Meeting.

The ACTS 1:8 budget is \$505,000.00. This requires \$42,083.00 a month to maintain the budget. To date, the ACTS 1:8 program has received \$386,667.00. The partnerships with Mexico and Russia are still continuing on with the support of 8 church planters and 2 Bible Institutes. 5 churches have been dedicated in Mexico since 2011 and there are 2 more churches slated to be dedicated in 2015 due to funding by Alabama Free Will Baptists.



MSC to receive this report.

**Youth & Education Board** report was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. He reminded everyone that the Winter Retreat was coming up in the very near future. It will be on December 28-29, 2015. We are one of the few associations that support five different camps and retreats. Christmas usually determines when we have the Winter Retreat. It's difficult to get young people to come sometimes because of Christmas but we usually have around 60 to 65 at the retreat. More information will be coming to the churches about the Winter Retreat and the other activities of the Youth and Education Board in the very near future.

Youth Camp in the summer was more costly that was originally thought. Normally the cost per child is \$152.50 but this year they charged \$172.50. The Board did not know that camp costs had gone up drastically. The Board absorbed the cost of the additional charge, but that left the Board with little in the account, in fact only about \$300.00.

The Board mentioned in June that we had decided that we will be doing the food and a lot of church members have stepped to say that they will help. The Board is thankful for that response. Our numbers have been going up for youth camp and it is making an impact on young lives. We are thankful for that. We want to see our youth choose Free Will Baptist Christian Education and to choose full time ministry and Youth Camp helps steer them in that direction.

MSC to receive this report.

#### **Minister's Retirement Board Report. No report given.**

**Ordaining Council Report** was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**. The Ordaining Council had two matters to come before the Association body.

1. Rev. Fred Hersey was accepted into the association at the last meeting but was not given the right hand of fellowship. The Ordaining Council made a motion to extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

MSC to extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Hersey.

2. Rev. James Welch has been examined by the Ordaining Council and it is the recommendation of the Council to accept Rev. James Welch into the association. We have received a letter of good standing from the Central Association in SC.

MSC to receive this report and welcome Rev. Welch.

#### **The Children's Home Report** was given by **Bro. Tim Jordan**.

Bro. Jordan challenged us to a prayer. He said that we should ask, "Good morning Lord, what can I do for you today?" He asked how

many present at the meeting had ever been to the Children's Home. About half of the congregation said they had. He reminded us that this is our Children's Home and they could not exist if it was not for people like us. They have room for more children at this time. He mentioned that if we truly got involved, unfortunately we could fill up the Children's Home. The Home has about 29 at this present time that the Home is working to sow the Word of God in their lives.

The summer was busy with many youth groups coming to stay at the Home and help out with different projects.

They had one Senior this year named Jalisa and she is now studying to be a nurse.

Bro. Corley is no longer at the Home and Bro. Danny Williams was the acting Director. Now he is working with the State Association as the Promotional Director and so Mandy Mitchell, the Home's social worker, has taken his place as Interim Director.

He encouraged us to participate in the Annual Harvest Drive. This is something that Free Will Baptists can be proud of. Our association gave a lot of goods for the Harvest Drive. They took what the association gave and stayed for the Annual Toy Run which helps greatly with the financial burden at the Children's Home. He also encouraged everyone to get on the mailing list.

MSC to receive this report.

**Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report** was given by **Sis. Jennifer Miller**. Total receipts received were \$5,708.56; Total disbursements were \$3,693.12; Total taken in for the General Fund was \$2,015.07.

A question was asked about an amount that was showing up on the financial report. Sis. Miller informed the body that this was for bad checks that had been written during youth camp.

MSC to receive the report.

**Registration Committee Report** was given by **Sis. Jennifer Miller** as follows:

Ministers	15
Deacons	8
Elected Church Delegates	45
<u>Guests</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	78

MSC to receive the report.

**District WAC Report** was given by **Sis. Wendy Shuemaker** as follows: She thanked everyone for the support of the Acts 1:8 Missions Cookout

which was a great success again this year! The association supports this effort every year, and this year over \$12,000.00 was raised for missions. To God be the glory. The next Missions Cookout will be around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August, 2016 and

The State Association Meeting will be held on November 4-6, 2015 at Forestdale FW Baptist Church. WAC Mission Banquet will be on Nov. 5 @ 5:00 pm. Eddie and Amanda Simmons will be the guest speakers, our newly appointed missionaries to Kenya. Pray for the meeting now so that the WAC can continue what it works to do and that is to glorify God and support missions. She invited all ladies to attend, including nonmembers, but she also encouraged the ladies that were not members to strongly consider joining the WAC. She has seen spiritual growth in her own personal spiritual life since being a part of the WAC.

She strongly encouraged us to pray for the missionaries and their families, those that are with them and those that are far away, and she asked that we constantly pray for one another.

MSC to receive as information.

**A rising vote of thanks was given to First Free Will Baptist Church** for hosting, so graciously, this Association Meeting.

**The Annual Meeting Reports were given as follows:**

**The Auxiliary Report** was given by the Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell. 14 baptisms, 48 members added, Sunday School 500 members, CTS 159 members and a total church membership of 1746.

**The Obituary Report** was given by the Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Cordell. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

**The Placement Committee Report** was given by Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.

January 9, 2016	Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
April 9, 2016	Eastside Creek Free Will Baptist Church
June 25, 2016	Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church
October 8, 2016	Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

**The Suggestions Committee Report** was given by First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan. No suggestions were received.

**The Nomination Committee Report** was given by Bro. Ricky Carroll. All current officers would keep their present positions. The Board



members to be elected or reelected to their posts would be as follows: Mission Board, Rev. Larry Sowell – The Ordaining Council, Rev. Billy Bevan – Minister’s Retirement, Rev. Ronnie Dobbs – Youth and Education, Bro. David Miller – Children’s Home Trustees, Bro. Tim and Sis. Merle Jordan. After hearing the report it was decided to close nominations and elect the list by acclamation.

MSC to elect the slate of nominations by acclamation.

A reminder was made about handing out the Nominating Committee Report before the meeting so that it could be reviewed by each church.

**The Temperance Committee Report** was given by **Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church**. 1 Corinthians 9:25 says, “And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.” Galatians 5:22-23 was read. These 9 godly virtues are the result of Christians walking in the Spirit. They encouraged all Christians to practice these 9 virtues in their own Christian walk.

MSC to receive as information.

A motion, second and vote was made to remove a constitutional change from the table that was placed on the table at the last meeting. This change had to do with the dates and frequency of the association meetings.

Some discussion ensued after which a motion was made to change the Constitution of the Florida State Line Association as follows:

The Association shall convene three times in one year. All sessions shall convene on the Saturday before the second Sunday in January, May and September. The September session shall be the Annual Session and shall convene for one day.

Due to the Constitutional Change concerning the dates and frequency of the association meetings, the following changes were made to the Placement Committee Report. The meetings will now be as follows:

January 9, 2016	Eastside Free Will Baptist Church
May 7, 2016	Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church
September 10, 2016	Corinth Free Will Baptist Church

**APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN NOVEMBER.**

Tim Jordan  
Merle Jordan  
Wendy Shuemaker

Ricky Carroll  
Teresa Carroll  
Judy Trail

**OFFERING:** MSC to designate today's offering to the Rev. Rick Cash. Today's offering totaled \$247.00

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Rev. Jason Miller began our service by singing "Little Is Much When God Is In It."

**Rev. Steve Trail** gave the following announcements:

The State Association will be held on November 4-6, 2015.

Alabama will be hosting the National Association Meeting in 2022.

The State Association is asking that all churches in Alabama donate \$100.00 a year over the next 6 years so that the Alabama Association will be able to pay for the expenses of the National Meeting.

**Rev. Jason Miller** again led the congregation in singing "In Times Like These," "Jesus Saves," and "The Longer I Serve Him, The Sweeter He Grows."

Rev. Peters introduced the speaker for today, Rev. Jim McComas who is the Director of Church Revitalization with the National Free Will Baptist North American Missions Department.

Rev. Jim McComas, sang the special music. He sang "He's a Good God To Me."

Bro. McComas shared the message with us today. He mentioned that in his job many times people talk about the deficiencies Free Will Baptists seem to have, but Free Will Baptists are some of the best people and we have some of the greatest Pastors. He is proud to be a Free Will Baptist. His text was 1 Samuel 6:10-13 and his message was titled, "Seeing the possibilities."

In this passage, the Philistines have been at war with the Israelites and as part of the spoil, the Philistines have taken the Ark of the Covenant. This was very precious to Israel, but even more so, it is important to God. It held significant items such as a bowl of manna, Aaron's rod that budded and the Ten Commandments. The Philistines have it and they have no

idea what they have.

They placed it in the temple of their god, Dagan. The first night the god fell before the Ark. They picked it up and the second night, the idol fell, but this time they swept up their idol because he busted into dust. Not only that, in each city that they would place the Ark, the people would begin to die. Every time they would move it, those in that city would die. For seven months they shuffle the Ark around until they finally realize it might be a good idea to get rid of it.

They still are not convinced that the Ark was the reason for their problems so they devise a plan to make sure. They take a brand new wagon and place the Ark on it. Then they take two cows that have never pulled anything before in their lives and they hook them to this wagon. They figure that if those cows go astray, the Ark was not the reason for their troubles. But if these two cows pulled the Ark back to the Israelites, then God was behind all that was happening to them.

He mentioned that he didn't look at things normally usually and so he wanted to look at the two cows and learn some things from these cows that we all need to think about in our walk with Christ. In fact, he mentioned that he had chosen name for the cows of Elsie and Bessie. He said that this morning he was not going to give us theology but cowology.

His desire for us was that we see:

**1. The Designation or Duty given to these two cows.**

These cows were given a very specific and important duty. They were given a very great responsibility. Not just anyone could carry this responsibility but this responsibility was given to two simple cows. They were given the job of carrying God's very Word. Not everyone could do that. Uzzah was just trying to steady the Ark when it was being transported and he died because he was not authorized to touch the Ark. This was a sacred duty not to be taken lightly. We are no different as Christians. It is our duty to carry the Word of God to the ends of the earth and it is never a responsibility we should ever take lightly.

**2. The Destiny of these cows.**

These cows were going about their everyday ordinary lives, but their destiny changed when they were hooked up to the gospel cart. These cows were hooked to the power and presence of God and they



were pulling the very Words of God. What we as Free Will Baptists need more than anything is to get hooked back up to the presence and power of God, to get hooked up to Heaven's cart. Their destiny changed when they were hooked up to heaven's cart. When we are hooked up to this heavenly cart, our lives will change and they will change drastically.

### **3. The Direction of these cows.**

These cows did not have a cow positioning system that they followed, but they went down the straight way back to Israel. God will direct us if we choose to allow Him to direct us. The church can't get things accomplished many times because we are trying to get dead people to do what the living should be doing.

He reminded the congregation that one of the best things that church people can do for their pastor, for pastor appreciation, is to get in church, decide that they are going to walk for God and walk straight. Go to church without having to be begged to go.

### **4. The Determination of the cows.**

These cows did not get distracted from their task. For 20 miles they did not stop to eat but stayed on target to accomplish the task God had for them.

Churches today battle three things: age, apathy and arrogance. The church is getting older and people don't seem to care anymore.

We must have some determination and make sure that we never turn to the right or left. God does not want us to get distracted.

### **5. The Distress of the cows.**

The Bible says that the cattle were lowing or making some noise. Cows rarely low. They only low when they are hurt or their babies are taken away from them. The cows' babies had been taken from them, and even though everything within them told them to go back, something else within them told them to keep going.

He told a story of a woman he visited that was dying of cancer. The woman was not responsive. He was speaking to the son. He asked the son if the lady had a favorite song as he was trying to minister to him. The lady spoke up and asked him to sing, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." He sang the song, and at the end he began to sing, "What a Day That Will Be." She was singing with him. After the song she told him that she was ready to go. He wondered how she could say that when she was in such pain. Then he remembered the story. Something kept them going when they wanted to quit. That something is Jesus.

He told us about an instance when he was really low. He was about to leave his wife to go on the road yet again. They were at the mall and he saw a sign that said, "Automatic door, keep moving." The door has no handle and so our reluctance would be to stop not knowing how it will get opened. There are forces at work that we don't even see, therefore we should keep moving because the door will open. It is the same with God. We don't see what He is doing, but we just need to keep on moving because the doors will open.

An invitation was given with Rev. Jason Miller singing "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Rev. Steve Trail gave us instruction for the afternoon meal and Rev. Wayne Parker asked God's blessing on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jonathan Cordell, Clerk

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## GENERAL BOARD LETTER, 2015



# 2015 ANNUAL LETTER TO ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OR DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Florida State Line Association to Alabama State Association  
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church on November 4-6, 2015  
(Date)

Period of time this report covers: From September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Present Moderator's Name Bobby Ned Peters Telephone ( 334 ) 477-6772

Mailing Address 384 Walker Road

City Ozark State AL Zip 36360

DELEGATES: Tim Jordan Ricky Carroll  
Merle Jordan Teresa Carroll  
Wendy Shuemake Cynthia Knowles

### A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 18
2. Total number of churches in:  
City/Town 5 Rural 13
3. Total number of churches reporting 14
4. Total number of churches with:  
Full-time pastors 9  
Bi-vocational pastors 5

### B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 14
2. Total members added 61
3. Total members lost 36
4. Total membership 1745

### C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$ 312,263.39
2. Total number of churches with budgets 2

### D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 7
2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$ 5,213,000.00

### E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers\* 24  
licensed ministers\* 2
2. Total number of ordained deacons 36
3. Total number of churches with:  
Day Care 1  
Kindergarten 1  
Christian Day School 1  
Bible Institute 0  
College 0
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 500
5. Total CTS enrollment 159
6. Total WNAC enrollment 78
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 27

Number of district association minutes requested 0

Number of state association minutes requested 20

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ 0 District \$ 0 State \$ 3,330.00 National \$ 0

Signed: Clerk's Name Jonathan Carroll Telephone ( 334 ) 237-1753

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City Ozark State AL Zip 36360

\*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Order from Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002.  
Please make a photocopy for your records.

Form 503 (Rev. 2/04)

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Church	County	Baptism	Members Added	Members Lost	Deceased	Total Member- ship
Corinth	Dale	0	8	0	0	113
Cowart's Creek	Houston	0	2	1	1	31
Eastside	Houston	0	3	3	1	232
First - Dothan	Houston	1	8	10	2	304
First - Enterprise	Coffee	0	0	2	0	64
First - Samson	Geneva	0	0	0	0	29
Goodwater	Houston	2	1	9	4	84
Harvest	Dale	0	0	1	1	158
Hickory Grove	Henry	3	16	1	1	65
Liberty	Houston	0	9	0	0	58
Magnolia	Dale	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
New Harmony	Houston	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
New Hope	Dale	0	0	2	1	45
Panther Creek	Geneva	2	2	3	1	144
Shiloh	Houston	0	0	0	0	96
Spring Hill	Houston	0	2	1	1	61
Union Hill	Geneva	5	5	2	2	114
Union Springs	Houston	1	5	2	0	147
Total 2014		39	65	32	28	1532
Total 2015		14	61	37	15	1745
Gain/ Loss		-25	-4	5	-13	213

N/R - Not Reported    N/A - Not Applicable    N/L - Not Listed

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School	C. T. S.	W. A. C.	Master's Men
3	0	6	50	N/A	10	N/A
1	0	4	15	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	0	N/L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0	10	194	120	25	20
1	0	1	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	0	1	17	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	0	0	N/L	N/A	N/L	N/A
3	0	2	60	N/A	15	N/A
1	0	2	35	N/A	12	N/A
2	0	0	N/L	N/A	N/L	N/A
N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
2	0	2	21	16	10	7
1	0	0	38	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	0	2	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	0	4	31	23	6	N/A
2	2	2	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
24	1	40	560	153	73	20
24	2	36	500	159	78	27
0	1	-4	-60	6	5	7

N/R - Not Reported    N/A - Not Applicable    N/L - Not Listed



**STATISTICAL INFORMATION****SUMMARY/ 2014 - 2015  
GAINS / LOSSES**

Classification	2014	2015	Gain / Loss
Baptisms	39	14	-25
Churches Reporting	15	16	1
Membership	1686	1532	-154
Sunday Schools	14	12	-2
Membership	560	500	-60
Church Training Service	3	3	0
Membership	153	159	6
WAC	6	6	0
Membership	73	78	5
Master's Men	1	2	0
Membership	20	27	7

## OBITUARY REPORT

Corinth	None	Magnolia	No Letter
Cowart's Creek	Mathel Kirkland	New Harmony	No Letter
Eastside	Bobby Burkett	New Hope	Dwight Stevens
First - Dothan	Terry Seymour Fred Colby	Panther Creek	Vernell Hartzog
First - Enterprise	None	Shiloh	None
First - Samson	None	Spring Hill	Robbie Marshall
Goodwater	Grace Gilley Jimmie Lou Starling Shirley Sullivan Hinnie Peters	Union Hill	Martha West
Harvest	Annette Tomlinson	Union Springs	None
Hickory Grove	Jimmy Kilpatrick		
Liberty	None		

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013 - 2014 RECEIPTS

Church	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter
CORINTH	\$1,027.07	\$416.92	\$482.77
COWART'S CREEK	\$135.00	\$462.00	\$135.00
EASTSIDE	\$270.84	\$286.00	\$239.60
FIRST - DOTHAN	\$729.50	\$913.60	\$774.65
FIRST - ENTERPRISE	\$285.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
FIRST - SAMSON	\$518.41	\$499.27	\$267.96
GOODWATER	\$320.00	\$435.00	\$185.00
HARVEST	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
HICKORY GROVE	\$385.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
LIBERTY	\$585.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
MAGNOLIA	\$385.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
NEW HARMONY	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW HOPE	\$535.00	\$450.00	\$350.00
PANTHER CREEK	\$485.00	\$620.00	\$300.00
SHILOH	\$658.00	\$342.00	\$269.00
SPRING HILL	\$585.83	\$488.58	\$404.95
UNION HILL	\$485.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
UNION SPRINGS	\$235.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
YOUTH AND EDUCATION	\$386.59	\$1,959.00	\$2,905.00
MINISTER'S RETIREMENT			
MISSION		\$1,303.00	
CELF	\$302.00	\$302.50	
OFFERING	\$503.10	\$429.00	\$262.00
OTHER		\$40.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,231.34</b>	<b>\$10,696.87</b>	<b>\$8,125.93</b>



# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2013 - 2014 RECEIPTS (Continued)

Fourth Quarter	TOTAL
\$527.45	\$2,499.21
\$135.00	\$867.00
\$230.00	\$1,026.44
\$742.85	\$3,160.60
\$100.00	\$585.00
\$441.41	\$1,727.05
\$185.00	\$1,125.00
\$250.00	\$785.00
\$450.00	\$1,435.00
\$400.00	\$1,785.00
\$200.00	\$1,035.00
\$0.00	\$185.00
\$350.00	\$1,685.00
\$300.00	\$1,705.00
\$245.00	\$1,514.00
\$738.78	\$2,218.14
\$300.00	\$1,585.00
\$50.00	\$385.00
\$18,816.21	\$24,066.80
	\$0.00
	\$1,303.00
\$319.74	\$924.24
\$361.94	\$1,556.04
	\$40.00
\$25,143.38	\$53,197.52

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

### 2014 - 2015 DISBURSEMENTS

#### General Fund

1st Quarter Disbursements	\$4,483.10
2nd Quarter Disbursements	\$1,807.83
3rd Quarter Disbursements	\$563.00
4th Quarter Disbursements	\$661.94
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$7,515.87</b>

#### Youth and Education

1st Quarter Disbursements	\$0.00
2nd Quarter Disbursements	\$3,013.62
3rd Quarter Disbursements	\$4,441.05
4th Quarter Disbursements	\$22,616.16
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$30,070.83</b>

#### Minister's Retirement

1st Quarter Disbursements	\$2,025.00
2nd Quarter Disbursements	\$2,050.00
3rd Quarter Disbursements	\$2,400.00
4th Quarter Disbursements	\$2,100.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$8,575.00</b>

#### Mission Board

1st Quarter Disbursements	\$0.00
2nd Quarter Disbursements	\$1,789.00
3rd Quarter Disbursements	\$2,500.00
4th Quarter Disbursements	\$356.35
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,645.35</b>

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2014 - 2015 DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

### Coop/ Designated

1st Quarter Disbursements	\$1,299.07
2nd Quarter Disbursements	\$2,508.28
3rd Quarter Disbursements	\$950.38
4th Quarter Disbursements	\$1,365.37
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$6,123.10</b>

**Total Disbursements**                      **\$52,930.15**

Beginning Balance	\$39,861.58
Total Credits	\$53,197.52
Total Debits	(\$56,630.15)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$36,428.95</b>

## PLAN OF SUPPORT

General Fund	20%
Minister's Retirement	35%
Youth and Education Board	24%
Mission Board	12%
Alabama State Association	9%

**Total: 100%**

Disbursement Percentages - Alabama State Association:

General Fund	4%
Home Missions	1%
Children's Home	1%
Board of Christian Education	1%
ALCAP	2%

**Total: 9%**



# **CONSTITUTION**

of the

## **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION**

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

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

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

#### **ARTICLE II – COMPOSITION**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **ARTICLE IV – ADMISSION**

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

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

## **ARTICLE V – DISCIPLINE**

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

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

## **ARTICLE VI – GENERAL OFFICERS**

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE VII – BOARDS**

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

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

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

**SECTION IV: (Executive Committee)** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and five (5) members of the General Board. The General Board will elect these five members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact emergency business when the Association is not in session. The Executive Committee shall give a written report of business transacted at each session of the Association.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

The Association shall convene three times in one year. All sessions shall convene on the Saturday before the second Sunday in



January, May and September. The September session shall be the Annual Session and shall convene for one day.

#### **ARTICLE X – ALTERATION**

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

## **BY-LAWS** of the **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION** **Adopted April 7, 1962**

1. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
2. Questions of fellowship, expulsion, and all other items of business of the Association shall be settled according to the TREATISE OF FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
3. All business of the Association shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to Robert's Rules of Order.
4. The associational year shall begin September 1 and end August 31.
5. Churches and their pastors shall serve as committees and shall be named by the chair at least three months before the Annual Session.
6. Each church shall send a letter to each session certifying the election of their delegates and containing general, financial, and statistical information about their church and any other information that the Association may request.
7. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once a year.
8. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be overruled.
9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat all delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
10. No member shall be absent himself while the Association is in session without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice, on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.
12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member provided the person nominated is elected.
13. Ministers pastoring in the Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists must be in good standing with a local association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. A minister pastoring in the Florida State Line Association, and his wife, if married, must not have two living wives or husbands. Any church in the Florida State Line Association that calls a pastor not meeting the above qualification will automatically be out of fellowship with the Florida State Line Association. (Anyone who has been divorced and remarried is considered as having two living wives or husbands.)
14. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-third vote of members present, provided the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing.

## **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS of the PRESBYTERY**

### **MINISTERS**

- I. Admission and Standing.
  - A. Candidates for licensing and ordination.
    1. An individual shall first unite with a church that is a member of the Association.
    2. This church shall petition the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association for licensing and ordination of its candidate.
  - B. Ordained and Licensed Ministers coming from another Association.
    1. He must unite with a church in the Florida State Line Association.
    2. His church must petition for him membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.

3. Any church who calls a pastor who does not wish to unite with the Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. This must be done by the next Associational meeting after calling the pastor.
- C. Ministers coming from other denominations.
1. He must first unite with a church in the Florida State Line Association.
  2. This church must petition for his membership in the Association through the Ordaining Council of the Association.
- II. Qualifications
- A. Licensed.
1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.
  2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or the candidates' wife must not have more than one living husband.
  3. He must be of solid character.
  4. He must abstain from the use of any alcoholic beverages and/or the use of tobacco.
- B. Ordination.
1. The individual must satisfactorily answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.
  2. Candidates that are married must not have more than one living wife or the candidate's wife must not have more than one living husband.
  3. He must be of sound character.
  4. He must abstain from the use of any alcoholic beverages and/or the use of tobacco.
  5. He must hold license for not less than one year before applying for ordination.
  6. He must be called to a Christian work or be presently enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College and completed at least one year before applying for ordination.
- C. Ministers Making Application from other Associations.
1. Must present license or ordination certificate to the Ordaining Council for ratification by the Council.
  2. He must present a letter of recommendation from the Association from which he comes, or from his licensing body, which is affiliated with a State Association of Free Will Baptists, which is affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.



provided he was licensed or ordained by this licensing body.

D. Ministers Making Application from other Denominations.

1. Licensed.

- a. Must surrender license from denomination of which he was previously a member.
- b. Must hold FWB license for one year before ordination.
- c. He must answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council.

2. Ordained.

- a. Must have ordination papers ratified by Ordaining Council.
- b. Must answer questions prepared by the Ordaining Council for ordination.
- c. He will not be re-ordained, but upon approval of the Ordaining Council, he will be granted a FWB Ordination Certificate.

## DEACONS

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

I. Deacons Sent to Association for Ordination.

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

II. Qualifications.

- A. He must be of sound character.
- B. He must be the husband of one wife and the candidate's wife must be the wife of one husband.
- C. He must believe and practice FWB doctrine.

# **GUIDELINES**

for the

## **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION**

### **MINISTER'S RETIREMENT**

- I. NAME: Florida State Line Association Minister's Retirement.
- II. WHO QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS?
  - A. Any minister who has attained sixty-five (65) years of age and has pastored or is pastoring a church in the Florida State Line Association for a minimum of ten (10) years.
  - B. The minister's time will begin on the date he starts pastoring a church in the Florida State Line Association which supports the Association with regular offerings. This does not include any time as an interim pastor.
  - C. The church has contributed to the Board of Minister's Retirement regularly, either through the Associations Co-operative Plan or directly to the Board of Retirement for at least ten (10) years.
  - D. The minister does not have to cease pastoring in order to be eligible for benefits.
  - E. The minister who is drawing retirement, at his death, his widow would be eligible to draw his retirement, providing she is at least sixty-five (65) years of age, or disabled, and fifty-five (55) years of age or older. If his widow should remarry thereafter, she forfeits all benefits.
  - F. Any minister who has reached the age of fifty-five (55) and becomes physically disabled to perform his pastoral duties may apply for retirement benefits if he has fulfilled all other requirements.
- III. THE MINISTER'S MEMBERSHIP:
  - A. The minister who has reached the age of retirement or becomes disabled must maintain membership in a local Free Will Baptist Church which is affiliated with the local, state and National Associations of Free Will Baptists.
  - B. If the minister's membership is in a Free Will Baptist Church inside or outside the Florida State Line Association, that church of the Free Will Baptist Association in which the minister or his widow is affiliated, must submit a **letter of**

good standing to the Florida State Line Association each year stating that fact.

- C. Each minister or widow that is not following the above guidelines may be reviewed by the Florida State Line Association Minister's Retirement Board.

#### IV. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

- A. The retiring or disabled minister must have his church submit an application to the Florida State Line Association for approval before he receives any benefits.
- B. Benefits shall be paid according to the following scale:
  - 10-15 years pastoring .....\$75.00 per month
  - 15-20 years pastoring .....\$100.00 per month
  - Over 20 years pastoring .....\$125.00 per month
- C. If funds are not available all retirees benefits shall be prorated.
- D. A Christmas bonus of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be given each December.
- E. Pastoring outside the Florida State Line Association will not be used in calculating benefits.
- F. The retired ministers shall be governed by the Florida State Line Association Presbytery's rules.
- G. The retirees are urged to attend all Associational meetings.
- H. These guidelines will not affect those who are already receiving retirement benefits.

(As amended June 28, 2008, October 8, 2011 and April 13, 2013)



## **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST 58th DISTRICT MEETING**

**Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan**

**March 7, 2015**

The Stateline District Meeting began with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Henrietta Brown. Wendy Shuemake gave a short devotion on being faithful through the seasons. God is faithful always, and we will find strength through Christ. She led in prayer.

Wendy called the meeting to order (m/s/c). Judy Thomley, from the Goodwater Church, gave the welcome. Ann Kennedy gave the response. The offering was taken up by Robin McLaney and Pam Pettis. Robin led us in prayer. The total was \$165.00. The delegates were seated by Secretary Mary Yance. The congregation was led in singing "His Name is Wonderful."

Committee reports were given by the chairperson or officers:

1. **Credentials** Rhetta Butler, Linda Simon and Pam Pettis reported that we have 9 groups with 99 members. Dues paid was \$1,683.00 (m/s/c).
2. **Resolutions** No resolutions were reported.
3. **Missions** Cynthia Knowles was unable to be there. It was reported that the Mission Cookout would be August 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Harvest Church. The last cookout was a success, raising \$1,751.00. (For information)
4. **Study** Ann Kennedy reported a study at Hickory Grove. (For information)
5. **Field Worker** Robin McLaney had no report.
6. **Prayer** Some of our WAC groups are still observing the pre-Easter and pre-Thanksgiving weeks of prayer. Many people were prayed for using

our prayer chain, emails, Facebook and other ways. Continued praying for each other and our many prayer needs. A special thank you is given for Billy and Niria Ammons during his health problems (m/s/c).

7. **Registration** There were 33 delegates and 11 visitors making a total of 44 present (m/s/c).
8. **Finance** See attached copy.
9. **Nominating** The committee reported that all officers have decided to keep their positions with the exception of Mrs. Rhett Butler, who is stepping down from her Vice-President position. There were two nominations made: Linda Simon and Whitley Dobbs. M/s/c to receive report. Whitley Dobbs was elected by acclamation (m/s/c).
10. **Historian** Angela reported that we need pictures for the new scrap books. Old scrap books were on display. (For information)

The provision closet received \$220.00. Items or money can also be taken to the State Meeting in April. Miscellaneous announcements were given. A retreat at the Vineyard with speaker Sally Cash will be held. Cost of \$45.00 can be paid at the retreat. A concert will be held at New Zion on March 13, 2015.

After business meeting was concluded, Henrietta led the congregation in singing, "To the Regions Beyond." She then sang a solo, "I Still Trust You." Mary Yance introduce our speaker. She was her sister, Paula Goode, who had recently retired and returned from Washington, D.C. She worked at the U. S. Department of State in the Office to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking. She used scripture references from Psalms and Proverbs concerning slavery, gave statistics about human trafficking and asked for prayer for the victims and groups working against human trafficking. Wendy encouraged us all to pray for these situations. Sher presented Paula with a gift basket.

Judy Trail installed the elected officers After the benediction, we adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mary Yance, Secretary  
 Wendy Shuemake, President

Weather: 50 degrees

## FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT, 2015

### Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 2014	\$98.19
Received and Deposited	\$25,114.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,212.58</b>

Acts 1:8	\$19,340.28
Ricky Carroll, Speaker	\$200.00
Handful of Purpose	
Ministries	\$175.00
Annette Tomlinson	\$200.00
Jackson Trophy, Annette	\$35.22
Cookout Food and	
Expenses	\$1,196.72
ASWNAC, Cynthia	\$236.50
Dues - WNAC 92	
@ \$16.00	\$1,472.00
FWB Children's Home	\$172.40
LAMP	\$325.00
Mefford, Angela	
(Scrapbook)	\$75.00
Stateline Association	
Minutes	\$40.00
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>\$23,468.12</b>



# FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST RECEIVED, RECORDED AND DISBURSED IN 2014

Received, Recorded and Disbursed in 2014

	<u>Corinth</u>	<u>1st Dothan</u>	<u>Goodwater</u>	<u>Harvest</u>	<u>Hickory Grove</u>	<u>Liberty</u>	<u>New Hope</u>	<u>New Zion</u>	<u>Union Hill</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Acts 1:8	\$50.00	\$125.00							\$620.00	\$795.00
Aldridge Scholarship										\$0.00
ASWNAC Dues	\$153.00	\$391.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$221.00	\$238.00	\$170.00	\$187.00	\$102.00	\$1,802.00
Cloe Pursell Sch. Fund		\$50.00								\$50.00
Children's Home									\$352.00	\$352.00
Co Laborer	\$20.00									\$20.00
Cookout	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,406.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00	\$410.00	\$700.00	\$1,600.00	\$17,816.00
Cookout Food	\$30.00				\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$255.00
Emphasis										\$0.00
FAITH	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$25.00		\$100.00	\$375.00
Home Missions	\$10.00									\$10.00
International Mission	\$10.00									\$10.00
LAMP		\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$25.00		\$100.00	\$325.00
Molly Barker	\$10.00				\$20.00					\$30.00
National Project		\$150.00								\$150.00
State Food	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00			\$25.00		\$25.00	\$150.00
State Minutes	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00			\$1.00		\$1.00	\$6.00
State Postage	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00			\$1.00		\$1.00	\$6.00
Serap Booking	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00					\$15.00	\$75.00
WNAC		\$220.00							\$195.00	\$415.00
Totals	\$1,375.00	\$3,678.00	\$7,718.00	\$2,912.00	\$1,791.00	\$363.00	\$682.00	\$912.00	\$3,211.00	\$22,642.00

Offerings Prov Closet Cookout Cookout Food

*not added in totals	\$196.39	\$25.00	\$1,751.00	\$500.00						\$2,472.39
	Overall total									\$25,114.39

Members	10	23	8	10	12	14	10	11	6	104
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# **FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENT AT ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Receipts for Disbursement at Annual Meeting**

Stateline District WNAC

March 1, 2014

Churches	Dues	FAITH	Food	LAMP	Members	Minutes	Postage	Scrapbook
Corinth	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$25.00		10	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
1st Dothan	\$391.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	23	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
Goodwater	\$136.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	8	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
Harvest	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	10	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
Hickory Grove	\$233.00				14			
New Hope	\$170.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	10	\$1.00	\$1.00	
New Zion	\$187.00				11			
Union Hill	\$102.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	6	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,559.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$395.00</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

**\$2,536.00 Total**

Last Year

<b>\$1,343.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
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### History of ACTS 1:8 Cookout

Year		Amount Collected		Attendance
2001		\$875.00		90
2002		\$2,331.12		125
2003		\$3,290.00		
2004		\$10,951.00		178
2005		\$13,071.00		189
2006		\$14,362.89		165
2007		\$13,721.53		153
2008		\$14,200.00		
2009	* \$186.52	\$14,780.23		
2010		\$15,191.25		189
2011		\$17,500.68		152
2012		\$18,593.54		173
2013		\$22,847.00		170
2014		\$19,120.28		172
2015		\$13,050.22		138
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$193,885.80</b>		

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Please give all praise to God!



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# HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

YEAR	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PLACE HELD	# MEMBERS
1886	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Howard Grove	449
1887	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Beulah	557
1888	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Macedonia	403
1889	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Friendship	516
1890	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Lovewood	448
1891	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Prospect	339
1892	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Calvin Dykes	Silver Run	444
1893	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Hickory Grove	456
1894	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	J. D. Stephens	Springhill	422
1895	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	J. D. Stephens	Pittman Grove	503
1896	Calvin Dykes	J. D. Stephens	J. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	568
1897	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	New Hope	653
1898	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Prospect	671
1900	G. W. Cherry	J. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Free Will Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Union Springs	947
1903	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Hickory Grove	786
1904	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Howard Grove	786
1905	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	G. L. Love	Springfield	958
1907	R. L. Hunter	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Free Will Rest	1315
1910	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Silver Run	1365
1911	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	New Life	1442
1912	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Pitman Creek	1447
1913	J. M. Murdock	J. W. D. Stephens	R. L. Hunter	Springhill	1462
1914	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	H. G. Green	Union Springs	1553
1915	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	1721
1916	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	1611
1917	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Long Branch	1715
1918	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	W. H. Hayes	Magnolia	1456
1919	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	New Hope	1656
1920	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Prospect	1804
1921	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Howard Grove	2004
1922	G. W. Cherry	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Pleasant Home	2043
1923	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	New Harmony	2039
1924	J. C. Howell	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Corinth	2094
1925	J. C. Ingram	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Magnolia	2042
1926	G. W. Cherry	C. B. Green	R. B. Robinson	Springfield	2392
1927	J. J. Bureshaw	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Hickory Grove	2344
1928	W. S. Cook	J. W. D. Stephens	R. B. Robinson	Prospect	2229
1929	J. W. D. Stephens	C. B. Green	R. B. Robinson	Rocky Grove	2875
1930	J. W. D. Stephens	C. B. Green	R. B. Robinson	Union Springs	2450
1931	J. W. D. Stephens	C. B. Green	R. B. Robinson	Howard Grove	2323
1932	J. W. D. Stephens	C. B. Green	R. B. Robinson	Free Will Rest	2374
1933	A. H. Godfrey	C. B. Green	A. J. Granger	Springhill	2360
1934	A. H. Godfrey	C. B. Green	A. J. Granger	Shiloh	2539
1935	W. S. Cook	C. B. Green	A. J. Granger	Pleasant Home	2495
1936	A. H. Godfrey	C. B. Green	A. J. Granger	New Harmony	2479
1937	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	A. J. Granger	Corinth	2447



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1938	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Prospect	2536
1939	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Pleasant Ridge	2661
1940	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	2619
1941	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	2853
1942	J. C. Howell	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Pleasant Home	2672
1943	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	2727
1944	G. W. Nobles	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	2788
1945	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs	2717
1946	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Cedar Grove	2756
1947	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Springfield	2756
1948	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Springhill	2743
1949	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	New Harmony	2760
1950	G. H. Jordan	C. B. Green	J. W. D. Stephens	Prospect & Pleasant Ridge	3083
1951	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	D. W. Poole	Pleasant Home & Pittman Creek	2761
1952	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	D. W. Poole	Howard Grove & Cowart's Creek	2747
1953	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	A. C. Womack	Springfield & Union Springs	2663
1954	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	A. C. Womack	Corinth & Magnolia	2577
1955	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	A. C. Womack	Pleasant Ridge & Grangerburg	2527
1956	G. H. Jordan	Mrs. Mary Edna Cook	A. C. Womack	New Harmony & Springfield	2476
1957	G. H. Jordan	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Shiloh & New Hope	2402
1958	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	First - Dothan & Pleasant Home	2415
1959	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Springfield & Union Springs	2493
1960	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	Junior Ward	Howard Grove & Corinth	2540
1961	Ralph Bell	Wayne Love	David Rabon	Union Hill & Cowart's Creek	2919
1962	Ralph Bell	Gerald Baxley	David Rabon	Pittman Creek & Panther Creek	2872
1963	John Edwards	Gerald Baxley	Billy Ammons	First - Dothan & Howard Grove	2703
1964	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Billy Ammons	New Harmony & Slocomb	2685
1965	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Mrs. Betty Bradshaw	Samson & Union Springs	2710
1966	John Edwards	Mrs. Ralph Bell	Mrs. Maude Fowler	Corinth & Howard Grove	2287
1967	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Springhill & Samson	1983
1968	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowart's Creek & Union Springs	2320
1969	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope & Panther Creek	2281
1970	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Cowart's Creek & Springfield	2421
1971	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove & First - Dothan	2410
1972	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Corinth & Shiloh	2511
1973	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	New Hope & Union Springs	2609

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1974	John Pettis	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Howard Grove & Magnolia	2846
1975	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons		3055
1976	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Union Hill & Union Springs	3036
1977	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Panther Creek & Springfield	3040
1978	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Mrs. Billy Ammons	Springhill & First - Dothan	
1979	Dean Dobbs	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	Corinth & Union Springs	3014
1980	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	Howard Grove & New Hope	2916
1981	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Heyward Butler	First Headland & Union Springs	2782
1982	Jim Turnbough	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	First - Dothan & Bethel	2542
1983	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove & New Hope	2504
1984	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Springfield	2413
1985	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Antioch & Union Springs	2443
1986	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Howard Grove	2441
1987	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope & Union Springs	2135
1988	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill & Gateway	2640
1989	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Harvest	2410
1990	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Union Hill &	2324
1991	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	Enterprise	2410
1992	John Edwards	Mrs. Bobby Kennedy	Miss Ann Jones	New Hope	2266
1993	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Miss Ann Jones	Howard Grove	2531
1994	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2579
1995	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Goodwater	2598
1996	John Edwards	Rhetta Butler	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2499
1997	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	New Hope	2454
1998	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Union Springs	2551
1999	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Howard Grove	2544
2000	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Eastside	2677
2001	Glen Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Ann Kennedy	Magnolia	2631
2002	Glen Poston	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	Union Hill	2661
2003	Fred Hersey	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	First - Dothan	2205
2004	Fred Hersey & Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Becky Dixon	Eastside	2673
2005	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Jennifer Miller	Howard Grove	2688
2006	Bobby Peters	Loretta Culpepper	Jennifer Miller	Corinth	1693
2007	Bobby Peters	Jeff Lunsford	Jennifer Miller	Union Hill	1738
2008	Bobby Peters	Jeff Lunsford	Jennifer Miller	Eastside	1912
2009	Bobby Peters	Jeff Lunsford	Jennifer Miller	First - Dothan	1899
2010	Bobby Peters	Jerri Cordell	Jennifer Miller	Corinth	1731
2011	Bobby Peters	Jerri Cordell	Jennifer Miller	First - Dothan	1814
2012	Bobby Peters	Jonathan Cordell	Jennifer Miller	Eastside	1624
2013	Bobby Peter	Jonathan Cordell	Jennifer Miller	First - Dothan	1686

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2014	Bobby Peter	Jonathan Cordell	Jennifer Miller	First - Dothan	1532
2015	Bobby Peter	Jonathan Cordell	Jennifer Miller	First - Dothan	1745



## NOTES

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## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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



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