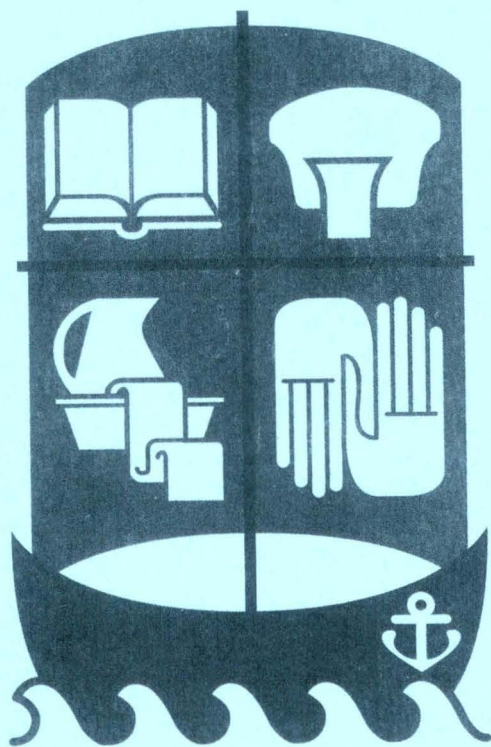

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When convened at

Panther Creek Free Will Baptist
Church
Wicksburg, Alabama

September 9, 2017

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST SESSION, 2018

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| Date: | January 13, 2018 |
| Location: | First Church, Dothan |
| Scripture Reading & Prayer: | Host Church |
| Speaker: | Rev. Joel Franks |

SECOND SESSION, 2018

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Date: | May 12, 2018 |
| Location: | Union Hill Church |
| Scripture Reading & Prayer: | Host Church |
| Speaker: | Rev. Danny Williams |

133rd ANNUAL SESSION

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Date: | September 8, 2018 |
| Location: | Goodwater Church |
| Scripture Reading & Prayer: | Host Church |
| Speaker: | Dr. David Crowe |

RETREATS AND YOUTH CAMPS:

| Event: | Date: | Location: |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Couple's Retreat | TBD | |
| Speaker: TBD | | |
| Ladies' Retreat | April 13-14, 2018 | Coffee Baptist Vineyard |
| Speaker: TBD | | |
| Junior Camp | June 18-2, 2018 | Coffee Baptist Vineyard |
| Speaker: TBD | | |
| Teen Camp | June 25-29, 2018 | Coffee Baptist Vineyard |
| Speaker: TBD | | |
| Men's Retreat | August 3-4, 2018 | Coffee Baptist Vineyard |
| Speaker: TBD | | |
| Winter Retreat | December - , 2018 | Coffee Baptist Vineyard |
| Speaker: TBD | | |

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PETERS, Rev. Bobby Ned

GIBSON, Rev. Michael

REGISTER, Rev. Byron

HERSEY, Rev. Fred

TAYLOR, Rev. John

HILL, Rev. Kevin

TRAIL, Rev. Steve

ISAAC, Rev. David

WARDEN, Dr. Carl

LUNSFORD, Rev. Jeff

WELCH, Rev. James

MOLLOY, Rev. Dalton

WINDHAM, Rev. Stephen

MISSIONARIES

LICENSED MINISTERS

LOCAL CHURCHES AND OFFICERS

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
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| First Church - Samson 14039 West State Hwy. 52 Samson, AL 36477 | None | Mary Paul |
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| CHURCH | PASTOR | CLERK |
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| Panther Creek 5816 N. State Hwy. 103 Slocomb, AL 36375 | Rev. Michael Gibson | Carolyn Hulon |
| Shiloh 9376 E. County Rd. 22 Columbia, AL 36319 | Rev. Larry Dykes | Brenda Lewis |
| Spring Hill 2763 Spring Hill Church Rd. Gordon, AL 36343 | None | Maxine Harper |
| Union Hill 1125 Union Hill Rd. Slocomb, AL 36375 | Rev. Wayne Parker | Joyce Tew |
| Union Springs 3751 East Cook Rd. Pansey, AL 36370 | Rev. James Welch | Lennie Sewell |

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Chairman and Moderator Rev. Bobby Peters

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

MISSION BOARD

Chairman Bro. Jim Blalock (2020)

Rev. Larry Sowell (2018), Bro. Roland Vaughn (2019)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman Rev. Jeff Lunsford (2019)

Rev. Steve Trail (2018), Rev. Terry Drinkwater (2020), Rev. David Isaac (2021), Rev. Wayne Parker (2022)

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT

Chairman Bro. Harvey Windham (2020)

Rev. Byron Register (2018), Bro. Sam Shuemaker (2019)

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Chairman Bro. David Miller (2020)

Rev. Jeffery Pettis (2018), Rev. Jason Miller (2019), Rev. Dalton Malloy (2021), Rev. Jonathan Cordell (2022),

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

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| CORINTH | Rev. Jason Miller |
| COWARTS CREEK | Rodney Fowler |
| EASTSIDE | Virgil Hagler |
| FIRST – DOTHAN | Patti Cox |
| FIRST – ENTERPRISE | Tommy Taylor |
| FIRST – SAMSON | Janatious Paul |
| GOODWATER | Mike Winiarski |
| HARVEST | David Miller |
| HICKORY GROVE | Jim Blalock |
| LIBERTY | Roland Vaughn |
| NEW HARMONY | Unknown |
| NEW HOPE | Harvey Windham |
| PANTHER CREEK | Rev. Michael Gibson |
| SHILOH | Rev. Larry Dykes |
| SPRING HILL | Unknown |
| UNION HILL | Jimmy Smith |
| UNION SPRINGS | James Welch |

FIRST ASSOCIATION SESSION MINUTES

January 7, 2017

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Midland City, AL

The First Meeting in 2017 of the Florida State Line Association was held on January 7, 2017. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "Heaven's Jubilee" with Bro. Joshua McLaney at the piano. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Steve Trail. Then the congregation was led in singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Rev. Bobby Peters welcomed everyone with excitement and enthusiasm because of the wonderful salvation Jesus brings. The congregation enjoyed the singing uplifting the name of Jesus.

The welcome was given by **Dr. Carl Warden**, 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 **Bro. Ricky Carroll**:

Bro. Carroll shared with the association some things going on with the Handful of Purpose Ministries. This was quite possibly the best trip they have taken in the past 6 years. We shouldn't be, but we are amazed so often at how God moves and how He changes things. They were able to take a very large amount of items to the Mexican People including over 2,500 boxes, 1,000 pair of shoes, 15 cases of stuffed animals and much more. They took multiple copies, about 1,000 copies of God's Word in their language and passed them out in the streets. The people were certainly grateful. The group from Oklahoma brought 4 vans full of items with 21 individuals helping to pass out items. They went to over 25 churches while they were. The youth group came from Alta Mera and performed to the people and gave testimonies. The devil fought them with constant obstacles, but God defeated him and sent him packing with his tail between his legs. They saw people who had no hope and yet when they left they had a sparkle of hope in their eyes because they had heard the name of Jesus.

They were able to witness people open up the Word of God and begin to read about the hope of Jesus. Matthew 25 talks about a day when Jesus was going to speak to the people and remind them of things they had given Him. He told them that when He was hungry, they fed Him, when He was thirsty, they gave Him drink, and when He was naked, they gave Him clothing. Then the people questioned and said when did we these things to you. Jesus answered them and said when you did it to the least

of these, you did it to Me. Then Bro. Carroll asked each of us if we had made an impact for Christ lately.

He told us he had already started getting ready for next year for their trip to Mexico. He said that any help would be much appreciated. They are going to Cuba for the 75th anniversary of Free Will Baptists in Cuba. They are extremely close to the time when they can begin to take items into Cuba. He asked for prayer for Cuba.

Credentials Committee (Ordaining Council) was appointed.

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

Petitionary letters requested. – None

Correspondence from Sister Associations. – None

Recognition of ministers and deacons: 10 ministers were present, 6 deacons. Rev. Joey and Sis. Pam Pettis were recognized as special guests from the Southeastern Association.

Bro. Harvey Windham led the congregation in scripture reading. His scripture came from Ephesians 2:11-22. He then led the congregation in prayer.

Announcements were made:

He reminded everyone that the announcements were on the back of the bulletin.

Credentials Committee Report was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford:** We have 17 churches, 16 reporting, 14 with delegates.

MSC to seat the delegates.

Ordaining Council Report was given: **No Report**

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. Bobby Peters:** He mentioned the Mission Banquet which will be on February 4th, 2017. The Mission Banquet will be hosted at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Midland City. It will start at 5:30 that evening. On February 5th, 2017 the missionaries will be preaching in the Association's churches.

Rev. Steve Trail gave a report from **Rev. Danny Williams** who is the **State Promotional Director.** He mentioned that Sis. Mandi Mitchell was now the director of the Children's Home. At the Toy Run this past December, the gifts surpassed \$100,000 (\$100,721.00). The Home is poised to help so many more children. He told us that if we know of anyone that needs the services of the Children's Home to give them a call.

Rev. Tim Riggs and the church in Mobile is very close to going self-supporting. Their target date is April of next year. He needs just a few more families and workers before he can go self-supporting. He asked for prayer for the church and for the Riggs' Family that they will be able to reach that point soon.

Rev. Billy Bevin and the church at Eastside are doing well. They are seeing wonderful progress in that work. The Sunday before Christmas they had 81 in attendance that morning and 62 that night.

The State Association went great this year. The speakers each did a wonderful job ministering to those in attendance. The Digest is available to anyone that would like to receive it.

ACTS 1:8 budget was increased this past year by 5% or \$60,000.00 but it fell a little short of the budgeted amount. The final totals for 2016 was \$530,800.00. The State Line Association gave \$51,337.00 which was \$4,000.00 more than last year. We are helping ministries in Cuba, Russia and Mexico as well as other ministries like the Mexican Online Seminary. This means that any Spanish speaking individual with internet access can take online Bible courses. There are already students enrolled in that seminary.

Bro. Danny Williams has asked that churches commit to one day of ACTS 1:8 expenses. Our Association funded 33 days this past year.

February 26 is the Ketterman's Scholarship Offering for Welch College. March 10-11 is the God's Man Conference in Northport where Rev. Tim Baumgarten pastors. There is a legal seminar with Dr. David Gibbs at Rev. Mike Cox's church. Mid-south Bible Conference is April 26-28, 2017. It would be great if churches would make it possible financially for their pastors to attend that conference. April 29 is the State Youth Competition. April 30 is the WAY World Missions Offering.

MSC to receive the report.

Youth and Christian Education Report was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. Romans 12:1-2 have been used many times in churches and at camps. He reminded us that the Will of God is not being pushed in churches like it used to be. Young people are no longer challenged to follow God's Will. They are told to follow their own ambitions and desires. Is there anything more important than to do what God wants people to do?

He mentioned that he was thankful to have the opportunity to work on the different retreats and camps. Everything that is going on with the association camps and retreats is exciting and these camps and retreats are growing. The numbers at Youth Camp last year was phenomenal. These things are growing and he encouraged parents to continue to send their kids.

This year, 3 young people from the Florida State Line Association will be going to Truth and Peace. That is amazing and he is very proud of them. He mentioned the Couple's Retreat coming up on February 24th and 25th, 2017. Dr. Danny Dwyer will be the speaker at the Couple's Retreat. We

will also have a special speaker, Bro. Byron Trimble, coming also. He is a youth worker/ Christian comedian. He will help us to have a great time. The cost to come is \$50 to come to the sessions and \$115.00 to spend the night and come to the sessions if registered before February 1st, 2017. After that time, the cost is \$125.00.

The Ladies' Retreat will be April 14th and 15th, 2017. This will be Easter Weekend, but that was the only weekend really available during the busy spring months.

June 19th – 23th, 2017 – 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 26th – 30th, 2017 – 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.

We will be cooking meals again this year at the Youth Camps. Anyone willing to help should inform Sis. Jennifer Miller as soon as they can.

The Men's Retreat will be on August 11th and 12th, 2017. There will be more information coming out soon on speakers and other pertinent information.

MSC to receive the report.

Minister's Retirement Board Report was given by Bro. Sam Shuemaker; He thanked everyone for praying for and helping to support the retired pastors. He asked that everyone remember that the funds for Minister's Retirement should be sent in quarterly. Even though we are having only three meetings a year now, the money should still be sent in on a quarterly basis. This is important so that the ministers can and will get there checks.

He requested that all ministers fill out a form they had available today so that they could get accurate information to ensure that all pastors get the correct amounts in their checks.

They are thankful for the financial support received for the Minister's Retirement Board.

MSC to receive the report.

The Children's Home Report was given by Sis. Merle Jordan. They were not able to go in December and help with the Children's Home's annual Toy Run. Tommie Johnson was able to go to that event with Bro. Tim. He had a great time at the Toy Run. This fund raiser helps them to provide for a third of their operating costs for the year. Over 1,500 motorcycle riders come through during that Toy Run and people available to serve food is greatly needed and appreciated. So for Bro. Tommie to go and help was a tremendous blessing. Alabama is blessed to have the Children's Home to serve young people in our state. The spiritual needs as well as emotional and physical needs of the children that go to the Homes are met there.

Their DHR site visit went well and they were able to get another 2 year

contract from DHR. Much of that is due to Mandi Mitchell.

The Thoroughgood house has been under renovation and they need help finishing that project. Teenagers and children can be rough on a house and any help that individuals could give with remodeling of that house would be greatly appreciated.

MSC to receive the report.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report was given by **Sis. Jennifer Miller**. Total Receipts for the General Fund was \$2,647.84; Total Disbursements was \$1,740.33; Grand Total \$4,388.17.

MSC to receive the receipt.

Registration Committee Report was given by **Sis. Wendy Shuemaker, Hickory Grove Church** as follows:

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|--------------------------|----|
| Ministers | 12 |
| Deacons | 6 |
| Elected Church Delegates | 32 |
| Guests | 15 |
| Total | 65 |

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 thanked everyone for the support over the last year. It was a great year and she is looking forward to this upcoming year, 2017. The district meeting will be March 4, 2017 at Hickory Grove Church with registration at 9:30 and the meeting beginning at 10:00. All ladies are asked to bring a covered dish and also the provision closet items with price tag left on the item. Gift cards and gas cards make for a good gift as well. Door prizes can be brought to be given away during the meeting also. Please come to the district meeting ladies, even if you are not a member of the WAC.

April 22, 2017 is the State WAC Convention at Red Bay Church. Even though it is a long way from here, please attend this meeting if at all possible. It would be good to begin looking for a place to state now if you will be attending. The WAC Mission Cookout will be August 19, 2017 at 5:30. Please be in prayer for the Mission Cookout and begin saving money now. Let's all come together for the cause of Christ.

MSC to receive as information.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

A question was asked about the money in the financial report earmarked for the Mission's Board and what that money was used for. Sis. Jennifer Miller informed the congregation that it was used for hotel rooms for speakers and other expenses for the Mission Banquet and the WAC Cookout. A reminder was made that offerings taken up on the Sunday after the Mission Banquet collected for the missionaries should be sent to

Sis. Miller who would then distribute that evenly among the Missionaries.

Sis. Jennifer Miller mentioned that one of the biggest things that would be needed at the Youth Camps for this year is paper products such as paper plates, plastic forks and spoons, napkins and things like that. It was asked what would be good desserts to bring for camp. Suggestions was made to do cakes, cookies and anything like that.

Prayer requests were mentioned:

Sis. Cynthia Knowles – She is having difficulty with the incision from the surgery. It is not healing as quickly as it needs to. She can't begin chemo until that incision heals.

Tracy Owens – Stage 4 Colon Cancer

Christopher Paul – Diagnosed with Lou Gehrigs Disease.

Steven Windham – Vehicle accident.

Melanie Windham – She is extremely sick.

Pete Cameron – He is in final stages of cancer. Also Mrs. Ann Cameron.

Ronnie Brown – Cancer was in remission but had to go back on chemo.

Brother in Christ – Stage 4 Colon Cancer.

Luverne Rollins – Sick and home bound. She is back in the hospital.

Cathy Reynolds – Physical problems.

Fort Lauderdale victims.

Lori Simpson – Walking pneumonia.

Mary Windham – Physical problems.

Carl Warden's Wife – Not feeling well, muscle problems.

Rev. Steve Trail asked for help from any churches willing to donate funds to help several in the association that are going to Cuba. The cost per person for this is \$1,400 per person.

Rev. Jason Miller then led the congregation in prayer for those that were mentioned.

MSC to give today's offering to the General Fund. The offering total was \$228.00.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

The congregation was led in singing "I Want To Know More About My Jesus" led by **Rev. Jason Miller with Bro. Joshua McLaney at the piano. Rev. Billy Bevan led in prayer.** Then the congregation was led in singing "Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand" and "Mansion Over The Hilltop."

Rev. Bobby Peters then told everyone about the **Revitalization Weekend going on at Harvest church on January 28, 2017** beginning at 9:00 AM. He told us that Rev. Jim McComas would be the speaker for that weekend. He is tired of church folks just enduring church. He wants

church people to enjoy church.

He then introduced our speaker for the day, Rev. Joey Pettis, who is the moderator of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptists in Alabama and the pastor of New Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Tumbleton, AL.

Then Rev. Miller led in singing, "Sweet Hour Of Prayer" and "Wonderful Peace" with Bro. Joshua McLaney playing the piano.

The Special Music was performed by **Bro. Joshua McLaney**. He sang the great song **"About The Cross."**

The Message was given by **Rev. Joey Pettis, the Moderator of the Southeastern Association of Free Will Baptists in Alabama and pastor of New Zion Church.**

Rev. Pettis thanked the congregation for the opportunity to come and preach for us today. He felt the Spirit in the special music. He was reminded of men coming to New Hope for revivals, men like Rev. Bill George. He was reminded of Mrs. Anne Jones gathering the children to sing. Rev. Peters driving bus loads of kids to revivals to sing from this association. He is thankful for those children that have come through the youth camps and are now serving the Lord in different areas of ministry. Youth camp is where his son answered the call to preach. At the age of 10, he and his family moved to this area. Rev. Peters took the kids to the lake to teach them to ski. He was instructed how to get ready to ski but no one ever told him he had to stand up. That was the last of his skiing attempts.

He is thankful for his upbringing and he is thankful for his Dad and Mom, but more than anything, he is thankful for Jesus saving his soul. God blessed him with a good wife and he is thankful that she is still with him and loves him.

His text was Deuteronomy 30:19, and the thought for his message was: "What a Mighty God We Serve."

He reminded everyone of the show that came on that was called "Bewitched" and the show called "I Dream of Genie." God didn't have to blink His eyes or twitch his nose to make things happen. God can still save today. It would be great if people would stop and listen to God when He speaks. One day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. People without God are alone even though they are surrounded by people.

In John 1, the Bible reminds us that all things were created by God and they continue by God. How much money we could save if people would just believe that God created the world. God's Word is true and it will

stand forever. God was there before everything else. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, spoke the world into existence and one day He will speak everything out of existence.

Without Jesus there is no light. He is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We must remember that Jesus Christ is eternal.

He gave us a warning. We have a new president and we hope that he will follow through on the promises he has made, but we can not put our faith and trust in Donald Trump. It is not in Trump we trust but "In God We Trust." Scripture reminds us that we must have God's help to make it through this world. We as God's people must humble ourselves, pray and seek God's face. But we must also turn from our wicked ways if we want to hear from God and he will heal our land. Although this is the time of grace, God is still keeping a record. When God moves in, there is a change. God will make you a different man than you used to be. Repentance is key. God expects us to change and be better than what we used to.

Paul who is one of the greatest of apostles called himself the lowest of sinners. Only Jesus can bring a change. His Dad used to tell he and his brother when they would leave to go out around town that they need to keep their nose clean and to remember whose son they were. We also must remember that when we are out in this world, we too should remember who we belong to and we need to act like it.

2016 according to the news was one of the hardest for Christians around the world. We must be prepared to stand up for the gospel. Our churches are not in the business of church membership. Our business is sharing the blood bought gospel of Jesus Christ.

He reminded us of John the Baptist and how he had the amazing opportunity to baptize the Son of God and as that was ended, the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit were all represented in that very place. There could have been no better and He was able to take part in that astounding event in History. Yet soon, he found out he was to die. His faith was shaken, but Jesus reminded him that He was the One and we should put our faith and trust in Him. The 3 Hebrew youths in Daniel were also put to the test, but they came out victorious. We can be victorious too if our faith in Jesus will be strong like their faith was.

Each of the gospels look at Jesus in a different way. Matthew looks at Him as the King, Mark looks at Him as the Servant, Luke looks at Him as the Son of Man but John looks at Him as the Son of the Living God. Peter recognized that about Jesus as well. Jesus asked "who do you say that I am" and he said, "We believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." In 1 Peter 1:24, the Bible says, "For all flesh is as grass." We are fading away. The best thing that ever could be said of us is that "He was a servant of God," "He walked with God." We must put our faith in Him and remember that we serve a Mighty God.

Bro. Harvey Windham 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

SECOND ASSOCIATION SESSION MINUTES

May 13, 2017

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, AL

The Second Meeting in 2017 of the Florida State Line Association was held on May 13, 2017. The meeting began with Rev. Jason Miller leading the congregation in singing "Heaven Came Down" with Bro. Joshua McLaney at the piano. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Jeff Lunsford. Then the congregation was led in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Bobby Peters welcomed everyone with excitement.

The welcome was given by **Rev. Byron Register**, 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 **Bro. Roger Lucas**:

Bro. Lucas, who is the Chairman of the Alabama State Mission Board, thanked the Association for the time to share with us. He gets emotional talking about Missions.

He mentioned that Bay City and Rev. Tim Riggs has gone self-supporting with no debt as of April 1. He and his wife were there with them a few weeks ago when they took in 31 charter members into the church. They have outgrown their auditorium so they are looking at moving into the gym. Some money has been donated to help with that and the Board has some money set aside for that as well. He is excited about what God has done and is doing at Bay City.

He reminded us about Rev. Billy Bevan's passing. It was certainly a shock. We don't always know what God is doing. They are looking for someone to take his place. Bro. Dalton Malloy is doing good as he has had to step up to lead that church at this time. People are being saved with 4 just recently. Anytime people are being saved, it's a great thing. Please pray for the Board as they work through the process of securing

Someone for this work.

Now they are looking for another work to get started here in Alabama. It's not an overnight decision. They have already started the interview process and are looking at the North Alabama area and so he asked for prayers for the Board and himself as Chairman. They are also looking at the team concept for this mission work. They want to make the right decision for the next work for Alabama Free Will Baptists. He wants the work to glorify God and be a success for those that will be saved through the work. He said there may be needs in the future they will make request for and he certainly does not mind asking. He said that he might never ask for anything for himself but he will certainly ask if there is a missionary and a mission work involved. He's for missionaries and all we can do for them.

Bro. Danny Williams thanked the Association for the time. ACTS 1:8 is the major part of Alabama Missions that Bro. Lucas just spoke about. Future works are made possible because people are willing to give to ACTS 1:8. Giving was up last year by about \$40,000 over the previous year. The budget was not quite met last year but giving was definitely up last year over the previous year. This year the budget is \$570,000 which is right at \$1,600 a day. He thanked all those that gave a day last year. We are within about a \$1,000 of being right on budget right now, but this is usually the strong time of the year. They usually like to go into the summer with a cushion, but that is not the case right now. He asked that we pray about that and for each church to consider what they can do to help. He appreciates all that has been given and he informed us that the Florida State Line Association had given right at \$12,000 so far this budget year which is up from the previous year by a little. This funding that goes into the ACTS 1:8 program funds numerous ministries in Alabama and around the world. Funding goes to the Foreign Mission Works of the Lancasters, the Turnboughs, the partnerships with Cuba, Russia and Mexico and the online seminary that is training Hispanic Pastors.

He and his wife and the Carroll's were there with Bro. Mark Riggs in Cuba during the 75th annual convention celebrating 75 year of ministry in Cuba. He stood where Pop and Mom Willie had stood many years ago and shared the gospel message. It was surreal for him to be standing in that place and he wondered if Pop Willie had envisioned what would be happening now for God. He also got to see the commissioning of new missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Africa, who were being sent out by Free Will Baptist Cubans. The Great Commission is for everyone, it's not just an American Commission.

He mentioned the Midsouth Bible Conference. It was hosted New Oak Grove in April. He thanked everyone for coming. There was great preaching at the conference and there was a great spirit as well.

The State Youth Competition took place the Saturday after that and he mentioned that it was very successful and had gone well. Around 140 young people took part in that competition.

He made some announcements about some upcoming events going on. He was reflecting on his job and his goals in the position he had been entrusted and given the privilege to serve in. He was concerned about Pastors and churches. He felt like most people believed that associations were there just to receive but that is not true. He's convinced that what we need to do as a State Association is to provide what is needed for pastors and churches to be more effective, successful and grow in our State. That's what they are trying to do. Last year at the State Meeting, they had their regular preaching services but they also had some break-out sessions to try to give pastors some things that would be helpful. The upcoming Pastor's Retreat will be October 16-18, 2017. He has asked Rev. Danny Dwyer to come and speak several times at that retreat. The State Association is also working to put together a Teacher Training Seminar. It will be held on a Friday Night and a Saturday. They want to do this locally so churches can bring their teachers to get help on being more effective in their teaching.

The golf tournament that the State Association puts on is a way to make money to sponsor different events in the Association. There will be 2 this year. One on June 10, 1017 up in Horse Creek in Birmingham and one on September 29, 2017 in Dothan. Even if you don't play golf, you can still sponsor a hole to help with funds for the works of the State Association.

He told us that in July they were asking churches to have a Sunday where they put emphasis on America with an "I love America" Sunday. He asked that 2 ministries be emphasized during that month of July. ALCAP, which Free Will Baptists have been a part of for many years, represents us at the State Legislature in Montgomery. Dr. Joe Godfrey is the director of that ministry. The second ministry is NCLL which is the ministry of Dr. David Gibbs III. This is a legal protection organization and they are helping us work over our constitution and by-laws and they will help defend any church that needs help. They are partnering with us as Free Will Baptists. He will be sending out a letter in the month of June to remind us to promote those ministries.

He mentioned the Children's Home and told us that at this time there are 21 children at the Home and they interviewed 3 other children that could possibly be coming. He said they used to mostly get teenagers, but now they are getting a lot more that are 8, 9 and 10. He said that was a good thing because they don't have a lot of the scars and things that many of the teenagers have come to deal with. There are 2 graduating this year. One plans to go to college while the other will need some assistance because he has some learning disabilities. One young man, Justin, is going on E-team and is very excited about that.

The Home will be celebrating 70 years this year and they will be having a celebration of the Home on June 17, 2017. Over 1,000 children have lived on that property over those years. Former residents and workers have been invited to come back for the celebration.

The National Association Meeting will be July 16-19, 2017 in Louisville,

KY. He reminded us that Alabama will be hosting the National Association in 2022. He reminded us that each church was asked to give \$100 a year for the hosting of the National because it was going to cost the State about \$35,000 to \$40,000 to host it.

He mentioned that he stopped by to see Bro. Jimmy Aldridge who had fell and hurt himself. He was in the hospital. He got to pray with the family, which he counted an honor. Bro. Aldridge had given his life for Christ. He felt it as much of an honor to pray with a new pastor who just needs help and he's honored to serve the people of the State of Alabama. He then led the congregation in prayer.

Credentials Committee (Ordaining Council) was appointed.

Finance Committee: Sis. Laura Tew and Sis. Jerri Cordell were called to assist Sis. Jennifer Miller.

Petitionary letters requested. – None

Correspondence from Sister Associations. – None

Recognition of ministers and deacons: 13 ministers were present, 7 deacons. Rev. Roger Lucas and Rev. Danny and Sis. Karen Williams were recognized as special guests.

Bro. Roland Vaughn led the congregation in scripture reading. His scripture came from Psalm 111. He then led the congregation in prayer.

Announcements were made:

He reminded everyone that the announcements were on the back of the bulletin.

Rev. Register reminded everyone that they would have a Gospel Jam on this night, the 13th at 6:00.

Rev. Terry Drinkwater informed everyone that Cowart's Creek would be having homecoming and Dr. Carl Warden and the One Man Quartet would be there with them. Everyone is invited.

Rev. Jason Miller mentioned that Dr. David Crowe would be coming to do the Men's Retreat on August 4-5, 2017. He has asked him to stay through the next Wednesday the 9th. He mentioned that we as an Association might want to try to plan an Associational Revival. He said it would not be hard to get it prepared if it was something that the Association wanted to do.

Bro. Ricky Carroll gave a report on the Handful of Purpose Ministries. He said that the work was work. They are working to get lots of shoe boxes and backpacks together. They've purchased lots of clothes and shoes to take down to Mexico.

He mentioned a Cuban Pastor that would be here the week of July 3-9, 2017. He is more than willing to come to any church and speak if the church is willing to host him.

On September 30- October 7, 2017 they are planning to go to Cuba and do work on a building for a church and a parsonage as well.

The shipping container they have been working on for 2 years now to go to Cuba has been approved and they are working to get about 60 bicycles (preferably in the box) for the container as well as 1,000 packages of adult diapers, and 500 sets of bed sheets and towels. They are looking for clothes as well to go into the container. It needs to be new stuff as much as possible. He is thankful that we now have our own container and he is ready to get it filled up.

Anyone that wants him to come do a presentation in their church just needs to let him know.

Credentials Committee Report was given by **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**: We have 17 churches, 14 reporting, 13 with delegates.

MSC to seat the delegates.

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

MSC of standing delegates to seat delegates.

Ordaining Council Report was given: No Report

Mission Board Report was given by **Rev. Roger Lucas** earlier.

MSC to receive the report.

Youth and Christian Education Report was given by **Rev. Jason Miller**. He mentioned youth camp coming up in the month of June and said that he was excited and looking forward to it. This past year was great at youth camp and it was a new adventure because helpers from the Association cooked the food at camp instead of the director and his crew. The food was very good and that helped to make camp even better. The help was greatly appreciated and he thanked them for all of the hard work that went into making camp a success. He mentioned that in the past years there had been some problems and issues and that some were not attending the association sponsored youth camp, but he reminded them that camp had been a big help to him throughout the years and it was now helping his children as well. In fact, now his children were going to be working at camp this year. They will be working with the junior age children during the first week.

Youth Camp will be June 19-23, 2017 with Rev. John Johnson who is the son-in-law of Rev. Rick Cash. He is a senior pastor in Melbourne, FL. Teen Camp will be the week of June 26-30, 2017 with Rev. Chad Mentor who is the associate pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. This will be the first time for both of these men to come and preach for our camps. The cost of camp is \$140.00. He let us know that he has camp applications here at the meeting.

He also asked for volunteers to come and work for a day or the whole week. There are needs such as paper products as well. Anyone willing to donate time, money or products is certainly welcome to and it would be appreciated. He informed anyone interested to talk to Sis. Jennifer

Miller for more information. He let us know that college students from Welch, Southeastern and possibly Randall would be coming down to work with the young people at camp. He reminded us that there had been several young people from our association that had gone to one of these colleges because of the impact that a college kid made on them while at our camp.

The Men's Retreat will be August 4-5th, 2017 with Dr. David Crowe. He reminded the men to please plan to come to this retreat. The time together as men is wonderful. Several groups from long distances away have already let him know that they will be coming down to hear the preaching of God's Word and also enjoy the food and fellowship that goes with the Men's Retreat. He said that anyone who chose to go to any retreat sponsored by our associations would not regret that decision, and if you chose not to go, you would certainly miss out on a blessing because they are all special and God uses them to speak to our hearts.

He also reiterated his idea of the possibility of having an Associational Revival with Dr. Crowe the following week in August.

June 19th – 23th, 2017 – Junior Camp at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be Rev. John Johnson. The cost of camp is \$140.00 per camper.

June 26th – 30th, 2017 – Teen Camp at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be Rev. Chad Mentor. The cost of camp is \$140.00 per camper.

August 4th – 5th, 2017 – Men's Retreat at the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. The speaker will be Dr. David Crowe.

MSC to receive the report.

Minister's Retirement Board Report was given by Bro. Harvey Windham; He informed the Association that the money in the account for the Minister's Retirement had run out and so the ministers had not gotten their checks for April and May. A special offering and special gifts were requested for the Minister's Retirement via a letter sent out to the churches in the association. Also, they requested at the meeting that each church take up a special offering monthly to help with the Minister's Retirement. Some funds had been sent in, and the Board was appreciative of that, but the need was certainly still there. If the money does not come in, the money will have to be withdrawn from the CD that the Minister's Retirement has until it has been depleted.

MSC to receive the report.

Some discussion was made about why there was a shortfall in the account that pays the Minister's Retirement. Several reasons were given including the fact that we went from 4 meetings a year to 3 and just simply the fact that giving is down across the board. A motion was made to withdraw funds from the CD if the money is not available to pay the ministers. There was a second and the congregation voted in favor of this motion by rising to their feet.

The Children's Home Report was given by **Bro. Danny Williams** earlier.

MSC to receive the report.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Jeff Lunsford: Rev. Lunsford sadly reported the deaths of two veteran ministers since the last meeting. Rev. Bobby Register went to be with the Lord. He answered the call to preach at age 16. He was a faithful and dedicated man of God and a faithful pastor for 60 years. Rev. Billy Bevan who was a missionary to Dothan, AL and a part of the Ordaining Council with the Stateline Association. He was a faithful pastor and man of God and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to these men. Condolences were offered to the families of both of these men.

Rev. Bevan's term on the Ordaining Council would have expired in 2020. He requested that Rev. Terry Drinkwater be allowed to take his place on the Ordaining Council.

MSC to receive the report and fill the unexpired term of Bro. Bevan with Rev. Terry Drinkwater. Prayer was made for both of these men's family and to thank God for these men and what God was able to do through them.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. **Jennifer Miller**. Total Receipts for the General Fund was \$2,949.26; Total Disbursements was \$2,841.37; Grand Total \$5,790.63.

MSC to receive the receipt.

Registration Committee Report was given by Sis. **Wendy Shuemaker, Hickory Grove Church** as follows:

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| Ministers | 12 |
| Deacons | 7 |
| Elected Church Delegates | 31 |
| Guests | 16 |
| Total | 76 |

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: They had a great District Meeting at Hickory Grove. She thanked the ladies from that church for hosting the meeting. She also told us that they had a great State Meeting as well. She encouraged all WAC groups to send in the money needed for the National Meeting to be held in Alabama in 2020. She reminded everyone that it is \$100 over the next 6 years, ahead of time if possible, and she asked that everyone be in prayer for it. Tammy Lancaster was the speaker at the State Meeting and she did a fantastic job, but she is still in need of prayer for physical needs.

Next year's District Meeting will be on March 3, 2018 and it will be held

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan. The Mission Cookout will be on August 19, 2017 at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church. She asked that all attend regardless of whether the church had a WAC group or not and she asked that everyone work on raising as much money as possible for ACTS 1:8. Our missionaries are counting on us. In order for missionaries to stay on the field, they need money and prayer. The cookout is one of our largest efforts to raise money for this program and it is one of the best fund raisers in the State of Alabama Association. She remembers missionaries coming home on furlough but instead of being home and visiting with family, they would be out trying to raise money to go back to the mission field. With ACTS 1:8, they don't have to do that anymore.

MSC to receive as information.

Committees were appointed for the Annual Meeting in September. They are as follows:

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| Auxiliary and Obituary – | Clerk |
| Temperance – | Cowart's Creek |
| Suggestions – | New Hope |
| Placement – | Shiloh |
| January 13, 2018 – | First Church, Dothan |
| May 12, 2018 – | Union Hill Church |
| September 8, 2018 – | Goodwater Church |
| Nomination Committee – | Jerry Dixon, Chairman |
| | Harvey Windham |
| | Edward Simon |

The offering was taken and was designated for the Minister's Retirement Board. The amount of the offering was \$315.00

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

The congregation was led in singing "What A Day That Will Be," "Leave It There," "Where Could I Go But To The Lord" and "Blessed Rock Of Ages." led by **Rev. Jason Miller with Bro. Joshua McLaney at the piano.** **Rev. Bobby Peters** introduced **Rev. Roger Lucas** who is the **Chairman of the Alabama State Mission's Board.**

The Message was given by **Rev. Roger Lucas**, and his message was taken from **Revelation 2:5.** The theme of his message was "How has the church of today forfeited its miracles." He then led us in prayer.

Rev. Lucas thanked the congregation for the opportunity to come and preach for us today. He asked for prayers as he preached to us. He told

us that he had a guy in his church tell him one day that he did not believe in missions. He told him "How can I not believe in missions." How can we not believe in the outreach of the gospel? His mother left them when he was around the age of 5 for a 16 year period. She is in his life now, but that was tough. His dad did the best he could. He got the opportunity to see his dad get invited to church, get saved and begin to take him and his brothers and sisters to church. When he was a boy, they had a Shetland pony in an electric fence and there was another man, a dear friend now from the church he grew up in, that came over to invite them to church and gave him a shock, literally, with that electric fence. It was men like this that shared the gospel of Jesus to him.

He was eating in Waffle House and he heard some young people talking and one mentioned that their dog had died and was in Heaven because all dogs go to heaven. He looked over at them and asked them when was the last time someone cared enough about them to ask them if they were going to Heaven. There were different answers.

He told us that the church has lost its love for people. We are worried and fearful of talking to people about Jesus Christ. But a miracle occurs when God shows us Divine Intervention. We believe and pray for God to intervene when someone has cancer or some sickness, but one of the greatest acts of Divine Intervention is when God intervened in our lives and saved our souls and brought us to Christ. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me. The company he works with has given him a desk job and he has a Bible sitting on that desk all the time. One guy that worked with him one day told him that he might not believe in the same God and he told him that one day he would. That's what the Bible says. One day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and we are to be telling people that no matter who it is or where we go.

1. **We have forgotten our motivation.** We need to sing the song more, "When I wake up to sleep no more" and remember that we need to wake up here on earth and get busy telling people about Jesus. Everyone knows someone that does not know Christ. Because of this, we need to act and get busy. Our motivation should be derived from the Lord Jesus Christ because He saved us and we should help to carry on His Work. He'll never forget what Dr. Hyles told them one day. He got on a plane one day and the gentleman next to him asked him what he did and he told this gentleman that he was an ambassador. The gentleman asked him if he was really a representative of a king and of a government. Bro. Hyles told him that Jesus was the King and the Country he represented was Heaven.
2. **We have forgotten our mission.** It is simply to fulfill the

Great Commission. We should have no other agenda than to reach out and share the gospel. He mentioned Tyler and Leah from near where he lives. They are not saved and Leah is battling for her life. He had prayer with them the other day. He said God could heal her but more important than anything, God wants to heal her soul. God wants to save her soul and her husband's soul as well. He may save her life but He cares more for her spiritual life. It does not matter who you are or where you are, the gospel is the gospel. And we are to share the good news of Christ to all that we come in contact with.

3. **We have forgotten what the message is.** If you ask most people what they want, they won't say church. They want Family Life Centers and things like that where people have loose standards, no convictions and poor leadership, but that's not what they need though. What they need is churches that care for them and is willing to knock on the door constantly until they come to Jesus. John told those on the banks of the shore as Jesus was coming on the scene, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." We are fishers of men. How can we share the message? Be saved ourselves, be a witness by life, be clean within and without, be in love with Christ and sinners, be a prayer warrior, be controlled by the Holy Spirit, be fully aware that all men without Christ are lost and be on the offensive for Christ. We usually are on defense when it comes to Christ. We must wake up. There is still a work to do. People need Jesus. We need to wash up. We must be clean so that we can be a difference. We need to pray up. That is what will make the biggest impact on the lost as we have the opportunity to witness to them.

God's not changed and He's still on the throne. Mankind still needs Jesus and it's up to us to go to the ends of the earth to tell them.

Rev. Byron Register 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

132nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION SESSION MINUTES

September 9, 2017

Panther Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Wicksburg, AL

The 132nd Annual Association Meeting of the Florida State Line Association was held on September 9, 2017. The meeting began with **David Miller** and Bro. **Joshua McLaney** on the piano leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Opening prayer was led by **Rev. Wayne Parker**.

Rev. Bobby Peters, Moderator, welcomed everyone and host pastor Michael Gibson brought greetings. Rev Steve Trail gave the response.

The welcome was given by **Rev. Michael Gibson**, Pastor of Panther Creek Free Will Baptist Church, our host church for today, and the response was given.

The Assistant Clerk, **Rev. Jeff Lunsford**, opened the meeting and called it to order.

The Moderator's Opening Remarks were given by Rev. Keith Burden

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

Finance Committee: Sis. Merle Jordan was called to assist Sis. Jennifer Miller.

The **Ordaining Council** was dismissed to examine the letters from each church.

Petitionary letters were requested. – None

Correspondence from Sister Associations. – None

There were no visitors.

Recognition of ministers and deacons: 9 or 10 ministers were present, 5 deacons.

Rev. Michael Gibson shared **Matthew 28:8**. He then led us in prayer.

Announcements:

Harvest will have its homecoming Oct. 8th.

Gospel Jam 6:00 tonight at Liberty.

1st Dothan will celebrate their 150th anniversary Oct. 8th. Also, revival begins tomorrow night through Wednesday.

David Miller led us in singing Praise Him! Praise Him!

Credentials Committee Report: Chairman **Rev. Jeff Lunsford** told us there were 17 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. No report.

Youth & Education Board report was given by **David Miller**.

"We are thankful for the camps and retreats during 2017. The Winter Retreat will be at the Vineyard in Arifton, Thursday & Friday, December 28th & 29th. More information will be coming soon. Plans are being worked out for camps and retreats for 2018.

MSC to receive this report.

Minister's Retirement Board. No report

Ministers' Retirement. No report

Ordaining Council. No report

The Children's Home Report was given earlier by **Sis. Merle Jordan**. All the children are back in school. Work has been done around the campus all summer. We currently have 23 residents at the Home, with 2 more coming next week. The summer has been good financially. Work on the Thorogood House continues. The Home is now on Facebook. Director Mandy Mitchell reports that the kids were able to attend the Nick's Kids Luncheon with Coach Nick Saban at the University of Alabama again this year. The kids had a great time and brought back a check for \$1,000 for the Home. The Home is looking for house parents and relief house parents. If you would like a staff member from the Home to come make a presentation to your church just let us know.

MSC to receive the report.

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

Total receipts received were \$6,628.02; Total disbursements were \$4,487.89; Total taken in for the General Fund was \$2,140.13.

MSC to receive the report.

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

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| Ministers | 9 |
| Deacons | 6 |
| Elected Church Delegates | 43 |
| Guests | 8 |
| Total | 66 |

MSC to receive the report.

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

We are pleased to report the Mission Cookout was a success. We had 126 in attendance and raised \$10,747 for Acts 1:8. We thank God for all He has done and for what He is going to do. Thank you for supporting the WAC Mission Cookout and our missionaries. We ask you to start praying now for the district meeting which will be held March 3rd at Liberty.

MSC to receive as information.

The Annual Meeting Reports were given as follows:

The Auxiliary Report was given by the **Assistant Clerk, Rev. Jeff Lunsford**. 17 total baptisms, 27 members added, 14 members lost, 523 in Sunday School, 162 in CTS and a grand total of 1,736 church members. (2 churches did not report)

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

The Suggestions Committee Report was to be given by **New Hope Free Will Baptist Church**. No suggestions were received.

The Temperance Committee Report was given by **Rev. David Isaac** from **Cowart's Creek Free Will Baptist Church**.

True Christian temperance is Christ-control in conduct and expression. Temperance includes moderation in indulging the appetite as well as the abstinence in the use of sale of intoxicating beverage. Therefore, true Christian is shown (in thought expression, demeanor, and conduct) by treating one's body and mind as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

May the deepest passion of our hearts be to honor in body and spirit our wonderful Savior, who we represent to others.

MSC to receive as information.

The Placement Committee Report was given by **Shiloh Free Will**

Baptist Church.

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| January 13, 2018 | First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan |
| May 12, 2018 | Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church |
| September 8, 2018 | Goodwater Free Will Baptist Church |

Registration Committee for next year:

1st Church -- Dothan volunteered.

The Nomination Committee Reported as follows:

Moderator nominees: Ricky Carrol, Bobby Peters. Bobby Peters was elected.

Asst. Moderator nominees: Bobby Peters, Steve Trail. Steve Trail was elected.

The following other officers were elected by acclamation:

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| Clerk | Jonathan Cordell |
| Asst. Clerk | Jeff Lunsford |
| Treasurer | Jennifer Miller |
| Song Leader | Jason Miller |
| Pianist | Joshua McLaney |
| Mission Board | Jim Blalock |
| Mission Board | Jim Blalock |
| Ordaining Council | Wayne Parker |
| Ministers' Retirement | Harvey Windham |
| Youth & Education | Jonathan Cordell |
| Children's Home Trustees | Tim Jordan |
| | Merle Jordan |

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE 95th SESSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS at Madison, November 8-10, 2017.

Wendy Shuemaker
 Merle Jordan
 Tim Jordan
 Judy Trail
 Jenniver Miller
 Ann Kennedy
 Cythia Knowles
 Linda Lanton

Miscellaneous Business:

Executive Committee Minutes

Item #1. Former Pine Hills Property

We do have legal possession of the property if we choose to go to court for it. It is not our wish to go to court. We'd prefer to negotiate with the current occupants. The moderator reported that the new congregation has

made an offer on the property. The Executive Committee will meet again on this matter.

Item #2.

Churches were reminded of the importance of being part of a district association, and of the importance of supporting it financially, as well as our state & national works
MSC to receive the minutes.

General Board Members were elected:

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| Corinth | Rev. Jason Miller |
| Cowart's Creek | Rodney Fowler |
| Eastside | Virgil Hagler |
| First – Dothan | Patti Cox |
| First – Enterprise | Tommy Taylor |
| First – Samson | Janatious Paul |
| Goodwater | Mike Winiarski |
| Harvest | David Miller |
| Hickory Grove | Jim Blalock |
| Liberty | Roland Vaughn |
| New Harmony | |
| New Hope | Harvey Windham |
| Panther Creek | Rev. Michael Gibson |
| Shiloh | Rev. Larry Dykes |
| Spring Hill | |
| Union Hill | Jimmy Smith |
| Union Springs | James Welch |

Offering:

MSC to give today's offering to the Minister's Retirement Account.
Today's offering totaled \$235.00

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Bro. David Miller and Bro. Joshua McLaney began our service by singing "O I want To See Him," "Wonderful Peace," "Jesus Saves." and "The Longer I Serve Him, The Sweeter He Grows."

Rev. Peters introduced the speaker for today, **Rev. Keith Burden**, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, spoke from Luke 12:35-40, our Lord's 4-word admonition: "be ye therefore ready."

4 Things We Need to Be Ready to Do (as we move forward for Christ)

1. **Acts 21:13** **Paul** was ready not only to be bound but to

die in Jerusalem.

Paul was ready to do the will of God.

3 kinds of church members: Pretenders
 Intenders
 Contenders

2. 2 Cor. 13:1-2 Paul was ready to do the hard stuff.

Dealing with sin -- You can't ignore problems.

Working hard -- there are seldom shortcuts.

3. Romans 1:15 Paul was ready to preach the Gospel.

Beautiful buildings and better programs won't take the place of outreach. Stop making excuses. Start talking to people about Christ.

4. 2 Tim. 4:6 Paul was ready to be offered.

Tough times are coming!

I hope when it comes to the end of my life I will have held nothing back.

An invitation was given with **Bro. David Miller** singing "Ready."

Rev. Michael Gibson gave us instruction for the afternoon meal and **Rev. Kevin Hill** asked God's blessing on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Ned Peters, Moderator

Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Asst. Clerk

GENERAL BOARD MEETING, 2017

Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator: Rev. Bobby Peters

Clerk: Rev. Jonathan Cordell

October 19, 2017

Minutes of the General Board of the Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists

General Board Members Present: Bobby Peters, Steve Trail, Jonathan Cordell, Jeff Lunsford, Jennifer Miller, Jason Miller, David Miller, Patti Cox, Harvey Windham, Virgil Hagler, Roland Vaughn, Pat Paul, Mike Winiarski and Tommy Taylor

The General Board of the Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM at First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, AL. The discussion and any action taken is below:

1. The first order of business was to select speakers for the 2018 Association Meetings. A list of the speakers was presented to the Board and a motion, second and unanimous vote was made to approve these speakers for each meeting. They include:

January 13, 2018 – First FWB Church, Dothan

Speaker: Joel Franks

May 12, 2018 – Union Hill FWB Church

Speaker: Danny Williams

September 8, 2018 – Goodwater FWB Church

Speaker: David Crowe

2. The next order of business was to elect an Executive Committee from the General Board Members that could act on behalf of the Association if necessary. The General Board nominated and elected the following members as the Executive Committee: Bobby Peters, Steve Trail, Jonathan Cordell, Jeff Lunsford, Jennifer Miller, David Miller, Mike Winiarski, Patti Cox, Jason Miller and Harvey Windham.
3. A history and update was given concerning the church formerly known as Pine Hills Free Will Baptist Church. Several at the

meeting were not present at the Executive Committee Meeting where this was originally discussed. The Board was informed that the Association was contacted by the Law Offices of Ramsey, Baxley & McDougle, Attorneys At Law. Their reason for contacting the Association was in representation of the congregation of the church formerly known as Pine Hills Free Will Baptist Church, but which is not a Free Will Baptist Church at the present time. This congregation was seeking a loan to repair the roof of the building, but in the 1982 deed, there was a reversionary clause that stated if the church ever ceased to function as a Free Will Baptist Church, the property would revert back to the Alabama-Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists. At that point, the Executive Committee was informed that the congregation of the church now occupying the location was seeking a release from the reversionary clause and wanted the Florida State Line Association to give up their legal right to the property by signing a quitclaim deed which would turn the property over to the existing congregation.

After discussion and debate by the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Rev. Steve Trail to send a letter to the parties concerned that it is the consensus of the Executive Committee of the Florida State Line Association not to sign the quitclaim deed, thereby refusing to release the property over to the new congregation, and instead offer to sell the property to the new congregation. A second was made and the Executive Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

A letter was sent to the attorney handling the deed process by the Clerk of the Association stating that the Association would not sign the church over to the new congregation but would consider any offer made to purchase the building by the new congregation.

The General Board was then notified that the congregation of the church had returned an offer for the property of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The General Board did not feel this was an adequate offer for the property. A brief history of why the revisionary clause was in the deed was given by Mr. Tommy Taylor. There was more discussion including a mention that there is an interested entity that wishes to buy the property for much more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The question was also asked if the Association was planning on negotiating with the current congregation over a price to purchase the property. A motion was made to contact the attorneys representing this church and inform them that the General Board

voted to reject the offer of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and that the church congregation would be given sixty (60) days to return with a fair market value offer or they must vacate the premises. There was a second and the Board voted by majority in favor thereof.

With there being no further business to come before the General Board, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Peters, Moderator
Jonathan Cordell, Clerk

2017 ANNUAL LETTER TO ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Florida State Line Association of Free Will Baptists
 Meeting Location Madison Free Will Baptist Church Date 11 / 08 / 10 / 2017 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period 09/01 / 2016 to 08/31 / 2017 (month/year)
 Moderator Bobby Ned Peters Phone (334) 477-6772
 Address 384 Walker Road Email peters384@yahoo.com
 City Ozark State AL Zip 36360
 Clerk Jonathan Cordell Phone (334) 237-1753
 Address 1692 Deese Road Email jonathancordell@yahoo.com
 City Ozark State AL Zip 36360

Delegates

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <u>Wendy Shumake</u> | 4. <u>Judy Trail</u> |
| 2. <u>Merle Jordan</u> | 6. <u>Ann Kennedy</u> |
| 3. <u>Tim Jordan</u> | 7. <u>Cynthia Knowles</u> |
| | 5. <u>Jennifer Miller</u> |
| | 8. <u>Linda Lanton</u> |

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 17
 2. Number of churches reporting 15
 3. Number of churches:
 Within city limits 6
 Rural 9
 4. Total number of churches with:
 Full-time pastors 8
 Bi-vocational pastors 6

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 17
 2. Members added 27
 3. Members lost 14
 4. Membership 1,734

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 443,948.45
 2. Number of churches with budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 7
 2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 7,477,780.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 18
 Licensed ministers 4
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
 2. Number of ordained deacons 31
 3. Number of:
 Daycares 1
 Christian Schools 1
 Bible Institutes 0
 Colleges 0
 4. Sunday School enrollment 518

E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

- Name N/A
 Value \$ N/A

District association minutes requested N/A State association minutes requested 18
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ N/A District \$ N/A State \$ 3,145.00 National \$ N/A

Print completed form and send to district or state association as appropriate. Please attach recommendations and requests to this form.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

2016-2017

| Church | County | Baptism | Members Added | Members Lost | Deceased | Total Member-ship |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|
| Corinth | Dale | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 104 |
| Cowart's Creek | Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Eastside | Houston | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 222 |
| First - Dothan | Houston | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 304 |
| First - Enterprise | Coffee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| First - Samson | Geneva | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Goodwater | Houston | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 75 |
| Harvest | Dale | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 163 |
| Hickory Grove | Henry | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 72 |
| Liberty | Houston | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 64 |
| New Harmony | Houston | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R |
| New Hope | Dale | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 |
| Panther Creek | Geneva | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 143 |
| Shiloh | Houston | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 99 |
| Spring Hill | Houston | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R | 59 |
| Union Hill | Geneva | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 114 |
| Union Springs | Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total 2016 | | 21 | 46 | 46 | 19 | 1707 |
| Total 2017 | | 17 | 27 | 14 | 13 | 1736 |
| | | | | | | |
| Gain/ Loss | | -4 | -19 | -32 | -6 | 29 |

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2016-2017

| Master's Men | W. A. C. | C. T. S. | Sunday School | Ordained Deacons | Licensed Ministers | Ordained Ministers |
|-----------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| N/A | 13 | N/A | 40 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 20 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 12 | 16 | 125 | 163 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| N/A | N/L | N/A | 55 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| N/A | 16 | N/A | 60 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| N/A | 10 | N/A | 40 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| N/A | 8 | N/A | N/L | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R | N/R |
| 5 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 39 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 13 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N/A | 6 | 23 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | | |
| 17 | 84 | 163 | 560 | 30 | 2 | 20 |
| 17 | 79 | 162 | 523 | 31 | 4 | 18 |
| | | | | | | |
| 0 | -5 | -1 | -37 | 1 | 2 | -2 |

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION**SUMMARY/ 2016 - 2017
GAINS / LOSSES**

| Classification | 2016 | 2017 | Gain / Loss |
|-------------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Baptisms | 21 | 17 | -4 |
| Churches Reporting | 16 | 15 | -1 |
| Membership | 1707 | 1736 | 29 |
| Sunday Schools | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Membership | 560 | 523 | -37 |
| Church Training Service | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Membership | 163 | 162 | -1 |
| WAC | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Membership | 84 | 79 | -5 |
| Master's Men | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Membership | 17 | 17 | 0 |

OBITUARY REPORT

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Corinth | Tommy Baldwin | Shiloh | Ruby Houston |
| Cowart's Creek | None | Spring Hill | No Letter |
| Eastside | Linda Speed Billy Bevan | Union Hill | Vivian Miller Donald Bolin Allen Hall |
| First – Dothan | Marie Cheshire | Union Springs | None |
| First – Enterprise | None | | |
| First – Samson | None | | |
| Goodwater | None | | |
| Harvest | None | | |
| Hickory Grove | Judy Wilson Luverne Rollins | | |
| Liberty | Bobby Register | | |
| New Harmony | No Letter | | |
| New Hope | None | | |
| Panther Creek | Judy Russell Robert Webb | | |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2016 - 2017 RECEIPTS

| CHURCH | GENERAL FUND | MINISTER'S RETIREMENT | ACTS 1:8 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| CORINTH | \$1,140.16 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| COWART'S CREEK | \$540.00 | \$168.00 | \$0.00 |
| EASTSIDE | \$931.31 | \$381.31 | \$0.00 |
| FIRST - DOTHAN | \$1,541.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| FIRST - ENTERPRISE | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| FIRST - SAMSON | \$917.05 | \$917.05 | \$0.00 |
| GOODWATER | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| HARVEST | \$432.50 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| HICKORY GROVE | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| LIBERTY | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$900.00 |
| NEW HARMONY | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEW HOPE | \$300.00 | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |
| PANTHER CREEK | \$750.00 | \$450.00 | \$0.00 |
| SHILOH | \$356.00 | \$200.00 | \$168.00 |
| SPRING HILL | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| UNION HILL | \$1,100.00 | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| UNION SPRINGS | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEW ZION | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$10,508.52 | \$3,316.36 | \$1,368.00 |
| | | | |
| YOUTH AND EDUCATION | \$20,519.63 | | |
| MISSION | \$733.00 | | |
| CELF | \$2,089.00 | | |
| OFFERING | \$799.40 | | |
| OTHER | | | |
| TOTAL | \$24,141.03 | | |

TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT

2016 - 2017 RECEIPTS (Continued)

| CHILDREN’S HOME | OTHER | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$0.00 | \$1,325.19 | \$2,765.35 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$893.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$385.00 | \$1,697.62 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$1,726.50 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$585.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$2,019.10 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$585.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$1,017.50 | \$1,650.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$585.00 | \$1,585.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$1,385.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$385.00 | \$1,435.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$1,385.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$909.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$1,535.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$185.00 | \$485.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| \$0.00 | \$6,047.69 | \$21,240.57 |
| | | |
| | | \$20,519.63 |
| | | \$733.00 |
| | | \$2,089.00 |
| | | \$799.40 |
| | | |
| | | \$45,381.60 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**2016 - 2017 DISBURSEMENTS****General Fund**

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Bobby Peters | \$50.00 |
| Jonathan Cordell | \$468.57 |
| Jennifer Miller | \$100.00 |
| Jim Marcum | \$650.00 |
| ACTS 1:8 | \$256.40 |
| Dallas Office Supply | \$424.01 |
| Check Order | \$143.62 |
| Roger Lucas | \$300.00 |
| Comfort Inn | \$101.63 |
| Post Office | \$49.00 |
| AL State Association | \$3,145.00 |

Total **\$7,515.87**

Minister's Retirement

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Bobby Peters | \$1,500.00 |
| Betty Coxwell | \$1,500.00 |
| Rickey Carroll | \$1,500.00 |
| Barbara Register | \$1,500.00 |
| Thelma Edwards | \$650.00 |
| Margie Carr | \$1,500.00 |
| Frank Fagan | \$900.00 |
| Carl Warden | \$900.00 |

Total **\$9,950.00**

Youth and Education

Total Expenditures **\$27,586.19**

Mission Board

Total Expenditures **\$5,055.18**

Coop/ Designated

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Co-op | \$918.76 |
| Designated | \$1,768.00 |

Total **\$2,686.76**

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2016 - 2017 DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

Association Balances:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$2,146.48 |
| Youth and Education | \$3,592.43 |
| Mission Board | \$1,975.89 |
| Minister's Retirement | \$41.36 |
| Co-op | \$0.00 |
| CELF | \$25,500.00 |

Total **\$33,256.16**

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$38,840.92 |
| Total Credits | \$45,381.60 |
| Total Debits | (\$50,966.36) |
| Grand Total | \$33,256.16 |

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 TREATISES 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 1: (Duties) Any church who shall fail to attend three (3) successive sessions and whosever 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.
- 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

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

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 60th DISTRICT MEETING

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Abbeville, AL
March 4, 2017

The Stateline District Meeting began with a prayer time. After prayer requests, Jackie Peters led us in prayer. Kallie Cordell and pianist Robin McLaney led in the congregational singing of "Jesus Lifted Me" and "Gloryland Way."

Wendy Shuemaker called the meeting to order (m/s/c). Our theme was PRAISE HIM! She gave a short devotion using scripture from Psalm 95 and Ephesians 19 emphasizing that His presence will get us through our daily life, and it endures forever. God will help us feel peace in Him. We can find something to praise Him for. She led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Susie Blalock. She emphasized the word hospitality, and used the Good Samaritan as an example of someone showing kindness and hospitality. The response was given by Rita Sullivan. Mana Butterworth and Michaela Mitchell took up the offering after prayer by Mary Warden. The finance committee, Theresa Carroll, Starla Parker and Annie Nelson, left to count the offering.

Committee reports were given by the chairperson or another officer:

Credentials

Jerri Cordell gave the report. We have 79 members \$1,343.00 dues paid (m/s/c). A letter was read by Wendy from the New Zion FWB WAC stating that they were withdrawing from the State Line District effective immediately. (msc)

Seating of Delegates

The delegate were seated by Mary .Yance, Secretary.

Resolutions

None.

Missions

The Mission cookout raised \$11,346.00.

Study

None.

Field Worker

Robin McLaney stated that there were no new groups. We need to work on increasing our

individual groups to increase interest and membership. She said to remember that the true purpose of the WAC is to support missions. (msc)

Historian

Angela Mefford showed us our scrap book. She shared some interesting thing from the WAC meetings. She encouraged us to look at it. She also needs news/ information. (msc)

Prayer

Niria Ammons said that our prayer chain had been used many times during the past year. She said to let her know if a request needed to be started. She also needs to know if the contact person or phone number is changed during the year. She provided a list of the prayer chain. (m/s/c)

Finance

Theresa Carroll, treasurer, gave the financial report. Committee members were Starla Parker and Annie Nelson. (msc) (attached report)

Provision Closet

Robin McLaney reported that we had received \$200.00 for the closet. (msc)

Registration

Susie Blalock reported that we had 29 delegates and 5 visitors for a total of 35 at our meeting. (m/s/c)

Nominating

Starla Parker said that there were no new nominations from the floor. (msc)
The officers that we have now were voted into office by acclimation. (msc)

Delegates to the State WAC Convention on April 22, 2017 are Mary Yance, Ann Kennedy, Judy Trail and Merle Jordan. Others may be added before the meeting on Saturday. State Officers are automatically delegates.

Door prizes were given. We were reminded that we need to be giving \$100.00 per year for the next national convention for WAC in Alabama.

Our praise and worship began with congregational singing of "I Feel Like Travelling On" and "Spirit of the Living God" led by Kallie Cordell. Brianna Molloy, associate pastor's wife with the Revitalization project at Eastside FWB Church was our guest speaker. She sang, acc-

ompanied by her husband, before speaking. In keeping with the PRAISE HIM! Theme, she read from Psalm 86:12. We need to remember to praise Him in all things—in good times and bad, sickness, financial stress, etc. She read Acts 15:26 about Paul and Silas praising God in spite of what they were going through. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18—meditate and pray without ceasing. She gave her testimony of a difficult and stressful time in her life, but God said, “I will bless you.” And He did. Whatever you are going through, praise God! She closed in prayer.

Officers were installed by Starla Parker:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| President | Wendy Shuemake |
| Vice-President | Jerri Cordell |
| Secretary | Mary Yance |
| Treasurer | Theresa Carroll |
| Mission | Cynthia Knowles |
| Study | Cathy Hollon |
| Prayer | Niria Ammons |
| Field Worker | Robin McLaney |
| Historian | Angela Mefford |

At the conclusion Rita Sullivan led in prayer.

The finance committee suggested that we give our offering of \$138.00 to our speaker, Brianna Molloy. (msc) A motion (sc) was made to adjourn. Angela Mefford led our benediction prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Yance, Secretary
Wendy Shuemake, President

Weather: 49 degrees, sunny and cool

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 |
| 2016 | \$11,346.00 | 162 |
| 2017 | \$10,797.00 | 126 |
| TOTAL | \$216,028.74 | |

* Spring Hill sent directly to State Office.

Please give all praise to God!

FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT, 2017

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand, January 1, 2016 | \$1,659.54 |
| Received and Deposited | \$16,644.80 |

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Total | \$18,304.34 |
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| Acts 1:8 | \$1,044.59 |
| African Sister's Retreat | \$100.00 |
| Cookout Acts 1:8 | \$11,346.00 |
| Cookout Speaker | \$250.00 |
| Cookout Food | \$512.41 |
| Convention Birmingham | \$100.00 |
| Co-Laborer | \$50.00 |
| District Speaker—Jennifer Miller | \$50.00 |
| Dues - WNAC 96 @ \$16.00 | \$1,536.00 |
| Faith | \$350.00 |
| FWB Children's Home | \$325.61 |
| International Missions | \$25.00 |
| LAMP | \$400.00 |
| Mefford, Angela (Scrapbook) | \$120.00 |
| North American Mission | \$241.00 |
| State Food | \$305.00 |
| WNAC | \$440.00 |
| WNAC National Project | \$325.00 |
| World Mission Offering | \$100.00 |

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Total | \$17,620.61 |
|--------------|--------------------|

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on Hand—December 31, 2016 | \$683.73 |
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FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST RECEIVED, RECORDED AND DISPERSED IN 2015

| | <u>Corinth</u> | <u>Eastside</u> | <u>1st Dathan</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>Misc.</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Acts 1:8 | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | | \$570.00 | | \$570.00 |
| African Sisters Retreat | | | | | | | | | | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| ASWNAC Dues | \$170.00 | | \$357.00 | \$136.00 | \$170.00 | \$204.00 | \$136.00 | \$170.00 | \$187.00 | \$102.00 | | \$1,632.00 |
| CO Laborer | \$20.00 | | | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | \$20.00 |
| Children's Home | | | | | | | | | | \$235.35 | | \$235.35 |
| Cookout WAC ACTS 1:8 | | | \$2,000.00 | \$1,042.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,000.00 | | \$300.00 | | \$1,400.00 | \$2,804.00 | \$11,346.00 |
| Cookout Food | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | \$300.00 |
| Convention B'HAM | | | \$100.00 | | | | | | | | | \$100.00 |
| District Offering | | | | | | | | | | | \$192.45 | \$192.45 |
| FAITH | \$50.00 | | \$100.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | | | \$25.00 | | \$100.00 | | \$350.00 |
| North American Missions | \$10.00 | | | \$216.00 | | | | | | | | \$226.00 |
| International Mission | \$10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$10.00 |
| LAMP | | | \$100.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | | | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$400.00 |
| Molly Barker | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Project | | | \$325.00 | | | | | | | | | \$325.00 |
| Scrapbook | \$15.00 | | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$15.00 | | \$105.00 |
| State Food | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | | \$175.00 |
| State Minutes | \$1.00 | | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | \$9.00 |
| State Postage | \$1.00 | | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | \$9.00 |
| WNAC | | | \$260.00 | | | | | | | \$180.00 | | \$440.00 |
| World Missions | | | | \$100.00 | | | | | | | | \$100.00 |
| Totals | \$327.00 | \$25.00 | \$3,384.00 | \$1,661.00 | \$2,062.00 | \$2,271.00 | \$178.00 | \$572.00 | \$314.00 | \$2,854.35 | \$2,996.45 | \$16,644.80 |
| Members | 10 | | 21 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 6 | | 96 |

FLORIDA STATE LINE ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

March 4, 2017 for 2017

| Churches | Dues | FAITH | State Food | LAMP | Members | Minutes | Postage | Scrapbook | Nat'l Conv. | Totals |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Corinth | \$170.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$100.00 | \$337.00 |
| 1st Dothan | \$272.00 | \$100.00 | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | 16 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$100.00 | \$614.00 |
| Goodwater | \$119.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | 7 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$50.00 | \$311.00 |
| Harvest | \$170.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$50.00 | \$362.00 |
| Hickory Grove | \$204.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | 12 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$246.00 |
| Liberty | \$136.00 | | \$25.00 | | 8 | \$0.00 | \$1.00 | \$0.00 | | \$162.00 |
| New Hope | \$170.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$272.00 |
| New Zion | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| Union Hill | \$102.00 | \$100.00 | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | 6 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$100.00 | \$444.00 |
| Totals | \$1,343.00 | \$350.00 | \$200.00 | \$325.00 | 79 | \$7.00 | \$8.00 | \$90.00 | \$425.00 | \$2,748.00 |

Total

\$2,748.00

Total Members for 2017

79

March 4, 2017 96 Members for 2016

| Churches | Dues | FAITH | Food | LAMP | Members | Minutes | Postage | Scrapbook | Nat'l Conv. | Totals |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Corinth | \$170.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$262.00 |
| 1st Dothan | \$357.00 | \$100.00 | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | 21 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | \$100.00 | \$699.00 |
| Goodwater | \$136.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | 8 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$278.00 |
| Harvest | \$170.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$262.00 |
| Hickory Grove | \$204.00 | | \$25.00 | | 12 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$246.00 |
| Liberty | \$136.00 | | | | 8 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$153.00 |
| New Hope | \$170.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | 10 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | | \$247.00 |
| New Zion | \$187.00 | | | \$100.00 | 11 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | | \$289.00 |
| Union Hill | \$102.00 | \$100.00 | \$25.00 | | 6 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$15.00 | | \$244.00 |
| Totals | \$1,632.00 | \$350.00 | \$175.00 | \$300.00 | 96 | \$9.00 | \$9.00 | \$105.00 | \$100.00 | \$2,680.00 |

Total

\$2,680.00

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|------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----|--------|--------|---------|-------|------------|
| 2015 | \$1,649.00 | \$370.50 | \$155.00 | \$323.50 | 97 | \$7.00 | \$7.00 | \$90.00 | Total | \$2,577.00 |
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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 | M. Murdock | J. W. D. Stephens | R. L. Hunter | Springhill | 1462 |
| 1914 | G. W. Cherry | J. W. D. Stephens | H. G. Green | Union Springs | 1553 |
| 1915 | J. D. Stephens | J. W. D. Stephens | J. W. D. Stephens | Hickory Grove | 1721 |
| 1916 | W. S. Cook | J. W. D. Stephens | J. W. D. Stephens | Rocky Grove | 1611 |
| 1917 | W. S. Cook | J. W. D. Stephens | J. W. D. Stephens | Long Branch | 1715 |
| 1918 | W. S. Cook | J. W. D. Stephens | W. H. Hayes | Magnolia | 1456 |
| 1919 | W. S. Cook | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | New Hope | 1656 |
| 1920 | G. W. Cherry | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Prospect | 1804 |
| 1921 | G. W. Cherry | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Howard Grove | 2004 |
| 1922 | G. W. Cherry | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Pleasant Home | 2043 |
| 1923 | J. D. Stephens | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | New Harmony | 2039 |
| 1924 | J. C. Howell | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Corinth | 2094 |
| 1925 | J. C. Ingram | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Magnolia | 2042 |
| 1926 | G. W. Cherry | C. B. Green | R. B. Robinson | Springfield | 2392 |
| 1927 | J. J. Bureshaw | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Hickory Grove | 2344 |
| 1928 | W. S. Cook | J. W. D. Stephens | R. B. Robinson | Prospect | 2229 |
| 1929 | J. W. D. Stephens | C. B. Green | R. B. Robinson | Rocky Grove | 2875 |
| 1930 | J. W. D. Stephens | C. B. Green | R. B. Robinson | Union Springs | 2450 |
| 1931 | J. W. D. Stephens | C. B. Green | R. B. Robinson | Howard Grove | 2323 |
| 1932 | J. W. D. Stephens | C. B. Green | R. B. Robinson | Free Will Rest | 2374 |
| 1933 | A. H. Godfrey | C. B. Green | A. J. Granger | Springhill | 2360 |
| 1934 | A. H. Godfrey | C. B. Green | A. J. Granger | Shiloh | 2539 |
| 1935 | W. S. Cook | C. B. Green | A. J. Granger | Pleasant Home | 2495 |
| 1936 | A. H. Godfrey | C. B. Green | A. J. Granger | New Harmony | 2479 |
| 1937 | G. W. Nobles | C. B. Green | A. J. Granger | Corinth | 2447 |
| 1938 | G. W. Nobles | C. B. Green | J. W. D. Stephens | Prospect | 2536 |

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| 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 & Coward'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 & Coward'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 | Coward'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 | Coward'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 Peters | Jonathan Cordell | Jennifer Miller | First - Dothan | 1686 |
| 2014 | Bobby Peters | Jonathan Cordell | Jennifer Miller | First - Dothan | 1532 |

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| 2015 | Bobby Peters | Jonathan Cordell | Jennifer Miller | First - Dothan | 1745 |
| 2016 | Bobby Peters | Jonathan Cordell | Jennifer Miller | Corinth | 1707 |
| 2017 | Bobby Peters | Jonathan Cordell | Jennifer Miller | Panther Creek | 1736 |

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Upcoming Events:

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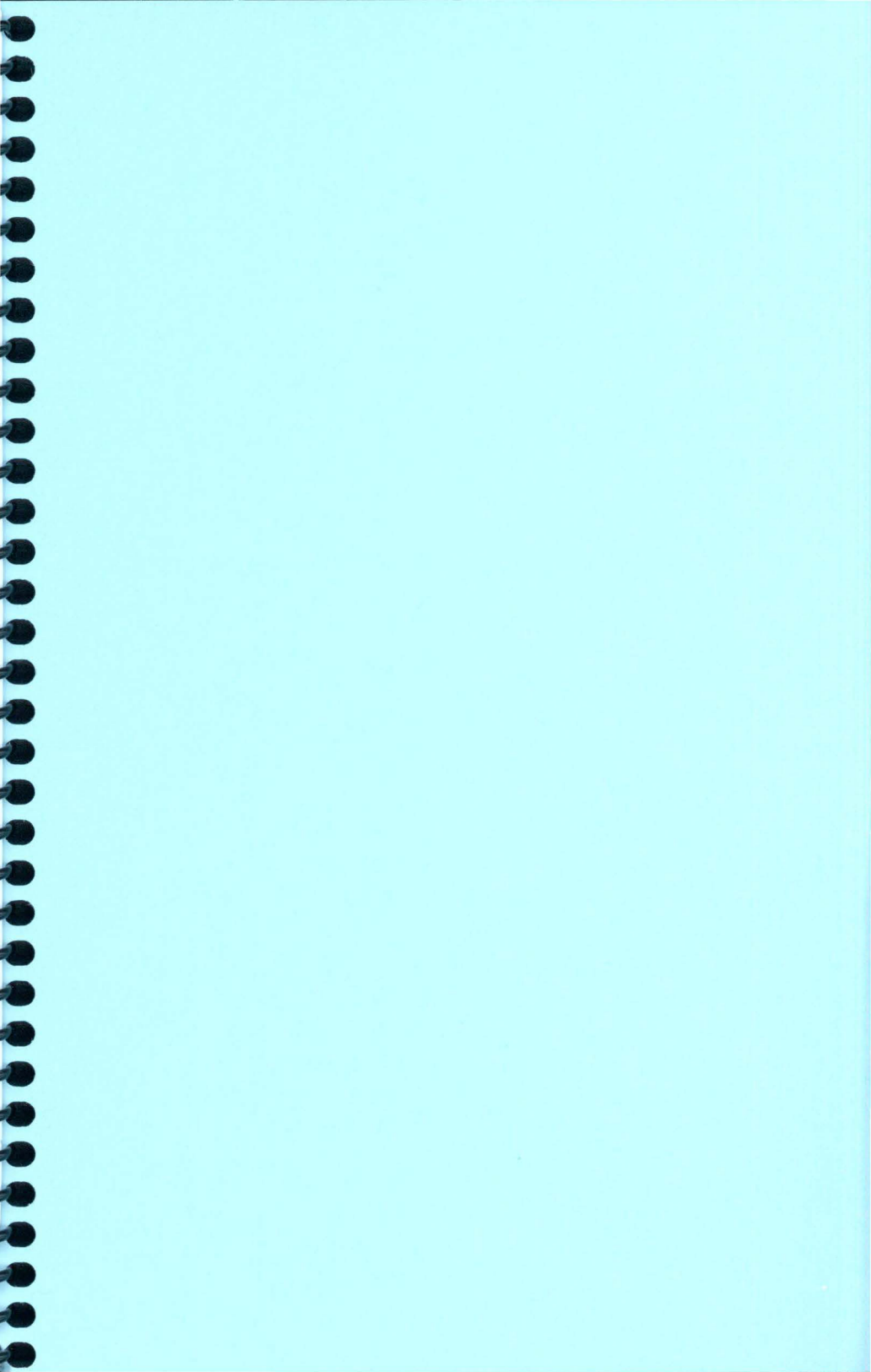
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**SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2018 ASSOCIATION
MEETING NOTES**

Upcoming Events:

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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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