

**MINUTES**  
—: OF THE :—  
**SIXTY - SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**

—: OF THE :—  
*State Line Association  
of Free Will Baptists*

—: HELD WITH :—  
**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**  
GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA, and  
**PITTMAN CREEK CHURCH**  
HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**OCTOBER 11th and 12th, 1951**

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**OFFICERS:**

REV. G. H. JORDAN, Moderator.....Cottonwood, Ala.  
MRS. MARY EDNA COOK, Clerk.....Dothan, Ala.  
REV. D. W. POOLE, Treasurer.....Dothan, Ala.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

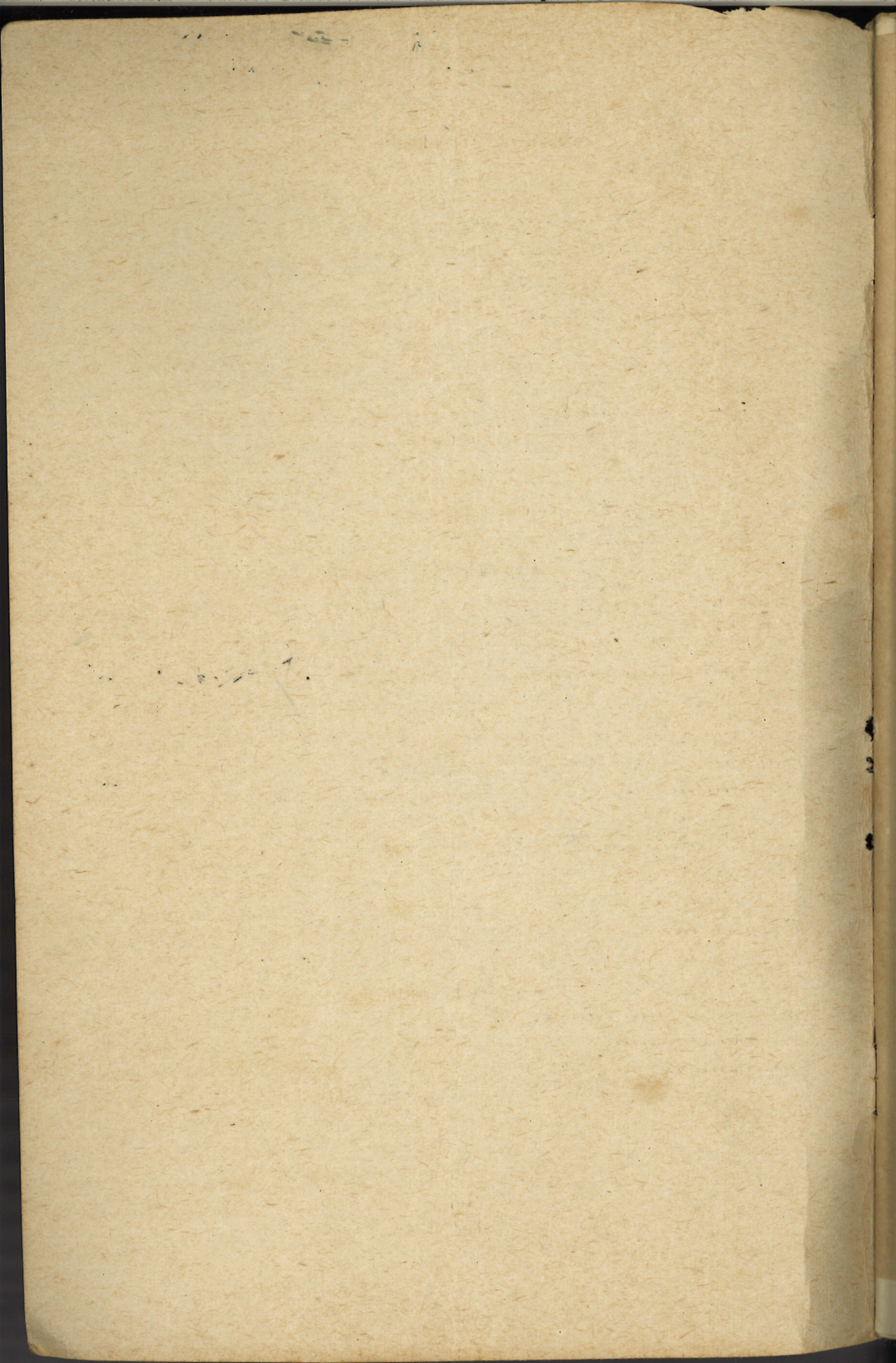
Ralph G. Bell, Ashford, Ala., E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala., Ulas Granger,  
Cottonwood, Ala., G. W. Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala.,  
William H. Stephens, Dothan, Ala.

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**HOME MISSION BOARD:**

Georgia Trawick, Dothan, Ala., James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.,  
Dewey Jones, Cottonwood, Ala., Leona Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.,  
Whitman Lynn, Gordon, Ala.

The next session meets with Howard's Grove Church for one day only, on Thursday at 10:00 o'clock before the Second Sunday in October, 1952, and is located on Ashford-Cottonwood Highway, 6 miles South of Ashford, Ala., and meets with Cowart's Creek Church on the Second Day on Friday. This Church is located 4 miles South of New Cowarts off Dothan-Ashford Highway.







## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Invite brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from different churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Elect Officers.
6. Call for correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Call the roll and read Decorum.
9. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
10. Call for report of committees.
11. Call for Treasurer's Report.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. C. Tolar, Union Springs.....	Center Hill, Ala.
W. T. Henderson, Union Springs.....	Blakely, Ga.
A. L. Williams, Prospect.....	Dothan, Ala.
G. W. Nobles, Howard Grove.....	Cottonwood, Ala.
A. M. Kirkland, New Hope.....	Midland City, Ala.
R. L. Hunter, New Pilgrim.....	Columbia, Ala.
Joseph Whitaker, Howard Grove.....	Ashford, Ala.
L. C. Mixon, Pleasant Home.....	Geneva, Ala.
W. T. Hutto, Corinth.....	Newton, Ala.
P. A. Brackin, Shiloh.....	Newville, Ala.
D. W. Poole, Pleasant Ridge.....	Malone, Fla.
John Carr, Pleasant Home.....	Marianna, Fla.
Paul Mallory, Corinth.....	Midland City, Ala.
Kenneth Phillips, Springfield.....	Ashford, Ala.
Hubert E. Creel.....	Dothan, Ala.

## LICENTIATES

Otis A. Sellers, New Harmony.....	Tampa, Fla.
C. A. Lewis, Prospect.....	Ashford, Ala.
G. H. Jordan, Howard Grove.....	Cottonwood, Ala.
W. P. Merrette, Union Springs.....	Pansey, Ala.
Mrs. Georgia West, Grangerburg.....	Gordon, Ala., Rt. 1

## STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was Organized  
at Howard Grove Church, November 20, 1886.



Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1886—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Howard Grove.....	449
1887—	D. L. Chandler,	Calvin Dykes,	Beulah.....	557
1888—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Macedonia.....	403
1889—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Friendship.....	516
1890—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Loveweed.....	448
1891—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Prospect.....	339
1892—	R. M. Gray,	Calvin Dykes,	Silver Run.....	444
1893—	D. M. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove.....	456
1894—	R. M. Gray,	J. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill.....	422
1895—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek.....	503
1896—	Calvin Dykes,	J. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove.....	568
1897—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	New Hope.....	653
1898—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove.....	633
1899—	D. L. Chandler,	J. D. Stephens,	Prospect.....	671
1900—	G. W. Cherry,	J. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest.....	803
1901—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Antioch.....	916
1902—	Calvin Dykes,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs.....	947
1903—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove.....	786
1904—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove.....	786
1905—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Pilgrim.....	745
1906—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Springfield.....	958
1907—	R. L. Hunter,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove.....	1099
1908—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home.....	1199
1909—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Free Will Rest.....	1315
1910—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Silver Run.....	1365
1911—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Life.....	1442
1912—	D. L. Chandler,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pittman Creek.....	1447
1913—	J. M. Murdock,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Spring Hill.....	1462
1914—	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Union Springs.....	1553
1915—	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove.....	1721
1916—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Rocky Grove.....	1611
1917—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Long Branch.....	1715
1918—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia.....	1456
1919—	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Hope.....	1646



Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Mem.
1920	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Prospect.....	1804
1921	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Howard Grove.....	2004
1922	G. W. Cherry,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Pleasant Home.....	2043
1923	J. D. Stephens,	J. W. D. Stephens,	New Harmony.....	2039
1924	J. C. Howelll,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Corinth.....	2094
1925	J. C. Ingram,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Magnolia.....	2042
1926	G. W. Cherry,	C. B. Green,	Springfield.....	2302
1927	J. J. Burdeshaw,,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Hickory Grove.....	2344
1928	W. S. Cook,	J. W. D. Stephens,	Prospect.....	2229
1929	J. W. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	Rocky Grove.....	2875
1930	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	Union Springs.....	2450
1931	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	Howard Grove.....	2323
1932	J. W. D. Stephens,	C. B. Green,	Free Will Rest.....	2374
1933	A. H. Godfrey,	C. B. Green,	Spring Hill.....	2360
1934	A. H. Godfrey	C. B. Green,	Shiloh.....	2539
1935	W. S. Cook,	C. B. Green,	Pleasant Home.....	2495
1936	A. H. Godfrey,	C. B. Green,	New Harmony.....	2479
1937	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Corinth.....	2447
1938	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Prospect.....	2536
1939	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Pleasant Ridge.....	2661
1940	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Hickory Grove.....	2619
1941	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Rocky Grove.....	2853
1942	J. C. Howell,	C. B. Green,	Pleasant Home.....	2672
1943	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Pittman Creek.....	2727
1944	G. W. Nobles,	C. B. Green,	Howards Grove.....	2788
1945	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	Union Springs.....	2717
1946	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	Sedar Grove.....	2756
1947	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	Springfield.....	2756
1948	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	Spring Hill.....	2743
1949	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	New Harmony.....	2760
1950	G. H. Jordan,	C. B. Green,	Prospect and Pleasant Ridge.....	3083
1951	G. H. Jordan,	Mary E. Cook,	Pleasant Home and Pittman Creek.....	2761



# PROCEEDINGS

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association met with Pleasant Home Church, Geneva County, Ala., in its Sixty-Sixth Annual Session on Thursday, October 11, 1951, and met with Pittman Creek Church on Friday October 12, 1951.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan. Song by congregation. Rev. G. H. Jordan read for our morning lesson, Psalms 1. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Song by choir.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee as follows: Ulas Granger, Dewey Jones, J. S. Conner.

Moderator appointed a State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee as follows: E. S. Jones, Ralph L. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat.

Letters were called for from different churches.

Moderator appointed Brother Ulas Granger and Brother Ralph L. Bell to read the letters.

## NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

PROSPECT—Docia Allen, Dollie Scott, Mary E. Cook, E. T. Ingram.

CORINTH—Frank Baxley, Elna Woodham, Thelma Woodham, Mrs. W. O. Baxley.

PLEASANT HOME—Charlie Mixon, Malcom Coleman, Edna Blocker, Trixie Owens, Mrs. L. C. Mixon, Mack Coleman.

HICKORY GROVE—Mattie Toler, Wiley Wells, Arthur Wells.

SPRING HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Whitman Lynn, John Conner.

ROCKY GROVE—Gertie Robinson.

HOWARD'S GROVE—T. C. Jordan, Othell Jordan, Nina Mae Jones, Maggie Adams, John Carr.

NEW HARMONY—Leona Granger, Ulas Granger, James Calloway, Dannie Calloway.

MAGNOLIA—Mr. and Mrs. John Parramore.

PITTMAN CREEK—Earl Sowell, John King, Rena Paul, Bessie Sowell, J. S. Retherford, Ezela Retherford.

NEW HOPE—Mr. and Mrs. Billy Derl Ammons.

UNION SPRINGS—Mr. and Mrs. Graden McNeal, Maxwell Sims, Thurman Drinkwater.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Anna Mae Hart, Earnest Granger, Sidney Tindell.

SPRINGFIELD—Rillie Fulton, Dorothy Lamb.

By motion the letters were received and delegates seated in the body.

By motion five minutes given for recess before preaching service.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. John M. Rish, read from the 6th chapter of Ephesians, subject: "Shod With Readiness." His messages created a spirit of consecration in the hearts of those present.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Moderator Rev. G. H. Jordan. Song by choir.

A fifteen minute devotion conducted by Rev. Refus Hyman. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Cook.

Renewed call for letters from different churches. None received.

By motion officers elected by nomination and acclamation. Rev. G. H.



Jordan was re-elected Moderator. Rev. L. C. Mixon was elected Assistant Moderator. Mrs. Mary E. Cook was elected Clerk.

Called for Correspondents from different Associations. They were as follows:

CHATTAHOOCHEE—Rev. C. B. Bass, Rev. W. C. Jones.

MIDWAY—Rev. H. L. Roberts.

LIBERTY—Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook, Mrs. Lula Stewart, Rev. and Mrs. John M. Rish as visitors.

UNION HILL—Rev. Refus Hyman, Mrs. F. W. Bolin, Mrs. H. L. Farmer, Mrs. Peacie Miller, Mrs. J. C. Bolin, Lillie Bolin, as visitors.

By motion these delegates were seated in the body.

The Moderator appointed the different Committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—Delegates of Pittman Creek and Pleasant Home Church.

EDUCATION—Frank Baxley, Rena Paul, Mrs. Ralph Bell.

SUGGESTIONS—Mattie Tolar, Anna Mae Hart, Mrs. Billy D. Ammons.

AUXILIARIES—Dorothy Lamb, John Conner, Gertie Robinson.

NOMINATIONS—Othell Jordan, Leona Granger, Mrs. Graden McNeal.

FINANCE—Dewey Jones, James Calloway, Whitman Lynn.

HOME MISSIONS—Bessie Sowell, Maxwell Sims, Mrs. Dewey Jones.

OBITUARIES—Elna Woodham, Dorina Calloway, John Knight.

TEMPERANCE—Charlie Mixon, A. C. Tolar, Thelma Woodham.

Report on Divine Services read and adopted. The roll was called, Decorum and Constitution read.

Brother John M. Rich made suggestion that a committee be appointed to give report at Friday Session as to what this Association could do toward the Financial Aid of fellow brothers and sisters in Bible College.

By motion committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Ulas Granger, Whitman Lynn, Bro. Ralph L. Bell.

By motion we give vote of thanks to Pleasant Home Church and community for hospitality shown.

By motion we adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Song by Choir.

Benediction by Rev. W. C. Jones.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled with Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator, presiding.

Song by congregation.

Rev. L. C. Mixon read as our morning lesson the 57th Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Arthur Curry. Renewed call for letters from the different churches. One received.

COWART'S CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bell. By motion letter was read and delegates were seated in the body.

Call for Correspondents to other Associations. They were as follows:

FLORIDA STATE—Mrs. Leona Granger, Rev. D. W. Poole, G. H. Jordan, E. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Calloway.

By motion—State Line Association to join Florida State Association by delegation and fee.

Renewed call for letters from different churches. Two received.

GRANGERBURG—Mrs. B. W. West, W. L. Granger.

Shiloh—Wyatt Edmundson, Nick Edmundson and Carrie B. Edmundson.

By motion letters were read and delegates were seated in the body.

Call for petitionary letters. None received.

Called for correspondents from other Associations.

MIDWAY—Rev. J. L. Tedder. By motion brother was seated in body.



Called for correspondents to Sister Associations. They were as follows:  
MIDWAY—Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Leona Granger, Danna Calloway.  
MARTIN—Maxwell Sims, Thurman Drinkwater, Whitman Lynn, I. M. Sims.

UNION HILL—Whitman Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mixon.

LIBERTY—Mrs. Ralph Bell, Othel Jordan.

SALEM—G. H. Jordan, E. S. Jones.

By motion all visiting denominations were seated in the body.

By motion we recessed for 15 minutes until preaching services.

Songs by congregation.

Bro. G. H. Jordan brought the morning sermon. He read from 1st chapter of Joshua. His subject: "Successful Christian Living." His message brought a challenge to all. Recessed for lunch.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator.

Songs by congregation. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Bass.

A 15 minute devotion was conducted by Rev. J. L. Tedder.

Prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole.

Called for reports of committees:

Report on Bible College Fund and Superannuation was read and adopted.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions was read and adopted.

Report on Auxiliaries was read and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By motion Rocky Grove was granted a letter of dismissal to join Salem Association.

By motion E. T. Ingram's resignation from Home Mission Board was accepted.

By motion Whitman Lynn to fill vacancy on Home Mission Board left by resignation of Bro. E. T. Ingram.

By motion William H. Stephens to fill vacancy on Executive Board left by Bro. C. B. Green, whose church withdrew from State Line Association, making him no longer eligible.

By motion we retain our Home Mission and Executive Boards with above additions.

By motion finish election of officers: Rev. D. W. Poole, reelected treasurer.

By motion adopt the following as standard salary for services of officers for indefinite period. Clerk \$15.00; Moderator \$10.00; Treasurer \$10.00.

By motion send \$25.00 to Orphanage, plus \$6.00 designated on Hickory Hill letter. By motion send \$18.20 to Bible College. By motion a rising vote of thanks was given Pittman Creek Church and community for their hospitality shown on this the second and closing day of the State Line Association, October 12, 1951.



Moved and carried that Association adjourn. Song by congregation.  
Benediction by Rev. C. B. Bass

REV. G. H. JORDAN, Moderator.  
MARY EDNA COOK, Clerk.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserved, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church, that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we enjoy the blessing and presence of the great Head of the Church.

### CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

Art. 2. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates for every twenty-five members and one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five. Providing any church having less than 25 members, it shall be entitled to two delegates.

Art. 3. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their election, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the number baptized, received by confession of faith, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or died within last year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiated ministers with their postoffice signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their postoffice.

Art. 4. Newly constituted, or other churches, desiring admission into this union shall petition by delegation and letter and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they be received into the Association and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 5. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions every session and that no church withdraw from the Association without assigning reason.

Art. 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board. The Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board shall be composed of five members each.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of the body.

Art. 8. The constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any season.



## DECORUM

Art. 1. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board shall be elected anyway that the association shall determine.

Art. 2. Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the Association when in session, preserve order and submit motions and other matters. He shall have the same right to vote as any other member, and provided the chair is occupied, the right to speech.

Art. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body unless withdrawn.

Art. 4. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and such speakers shall address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the Moderator and then only when he departs from the subject under debate, provided however, any brother may address the Moderator to a point of order.

Art. 5. The clerk shall record the proceeding of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same and all other writing pertaining to business of the Association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of this Association, which he shall deliver to his successor in office.

Art. 6. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him, showing the balance, if any, on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the Association or the Executive Committee.

Art. 7. The Executive Committee shall have power to execute the laws and regulations of the Association when the Association is not in session and to make rules to the Constitution or Decorum of the Association.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Home Mission Board to work for church extension and church preservation, for which purpose they shall draw on the Executive Committee and various others for the necessary funds when the Association is not in session. The Board makes rules and regulations for their government that are not in conflict with the Constitution or Decorum of this Association.

Art. 9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 10. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

## CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Associational year; or if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time, to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary a pastor may be chosen at any other time, than at the last regular conference of the associational year.

3. The pastor shall be the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present, a suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. The pastor of each church shall have the power to form a presbytery and ordain deacons for the church; also examine ordained ministers who make application to our order, shall be set apart in rank but not reordained.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

6. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.



7 Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk, and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

8. When a new Clerk is appointed, all books, etc., belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. When a church deems it necessary a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to case of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two-day meeting monthly embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, disciplines and the rule of holy living.

12. Any church member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences and any member whatsoever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the Covenant (Art. 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for neglect, but the church may exempt members from the rule if necessary.

13. Conference after prayer and divine service shall be opened as follows, and conducted (1) Inviting brethren to seats. (2) Opening door of church for reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of last conference. (4) Calling for absentees (5) Acknowledgments. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellaneous business.

14. Visiting brethren as helps called from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions but not to vote.

15. Any orderly member of the Baptist Church may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some other sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

16. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn by the member who makes them be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

17. When the Moderator calls for the absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent for three consecutive conferences and Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

18. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

19. When a witness, not a member of the church is introduced he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

20. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgement shall be minuted in the church book.

21. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letters without good reasons shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

22. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walks since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.



23. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

24. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

25. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided, but a member upon his request may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

26. No member shall leave the house during conference without sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without permission.

27. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who wish to speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator and keep to the point in the debate.

28. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

29. When the Moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brother in his stead.

30. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

31. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing, at least once a year.

32. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

33. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

34. The Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. OF GOD—We believe that there is one and only one living true God, infinite in His attributes, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe, revealed to us in the Scripture as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—Tim 1:7; Isaiah 45:22; St. John 17:2.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—We believe the scriptures of the old and new Testaments were given by inspirations of God and binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16; Rom. 16:4; and 4:23, 24; Pet. 1:18-21.

3. OF CHRIST—We believe He is God manifest in the flesh being in His divine nature the true God, in human nature the true man, united in persons the Messiah and the Mediator for the redemption of the world.—Luke 2:4-12 inclusive; Matt. 1:18-21.

4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that He is the third person in the Holy Trinity and possesses all personal divine attributes being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier.—St. John 14:25, 15:26, 16:7-15, inclusive.

5. OF SALVATION—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to receive it by cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of any so long as the spirit continues to strive with them; but their own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 1:16; Phil. 2:12; Heb. 2:3.

6. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that man was created sinless, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All posterity will sin and come short of the Glory of God except that they receive Salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.—Genesis 3:6; 1:26; 5:1 and 9:6. Mark 16:16; Acts 10:43.

7. ATONEMENT—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; therefore God desires the salvation of all and the Gospel invites all; and whomsoever will may come and partake of the



waters of life.—1 Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 29; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 22:17.

8. **OF ELECTION**—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of men by any unconditional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8:31; Luke 11:28; Acts 10:35; Deut. 11:26-28.

9. **OF PERSEVERENCE**—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end.—John 8:31; Tim. 1:19; Peter 2:21,22.

10. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES**—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for Baptism; John 3:5 and Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper: Matt. 26:26-28. Reference for washing the Saint's feet. John 13:5-17 inclusive.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER**—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that the bread and wine represent His Body and the Blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all christans should unite in performing the sacred service, regardless of name, denomination or distinction. Gal. 6:4; Matt. 7:10;; Rom. 4:3.

12. **THE RESURRECTION**—We believe when resurrection takes place the soul and body will re-unite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness and that the wicked will be driven into everlasting darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29; Acts 14:16; Isa. 17; Heb. 9:27.

#### CHURCH DISBURSEMENTS

Prospect Church has paid to:

Home Missions .....	\$ 34.79
Foreign Missions .....	41.46
Orphanage, Eldridge, Ala. ....	28.15
Rev. E. C. Morris (Revival).....	100.00
Substitute Service .....	29.00

Springhill Church has paid to:

Home Missions .....	17.00
Education .....	13.00

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### Committee On Nominations

We, your committee on nominations, nominate Howard's Grove Church for the 1st day in 1952, and Cowart's Creek Church the 2nd day. We also nominate Rev. Kenneth Phillips to bring the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully Submitted,

##### Devine Service Committee

We, your committee on Divine Service make the following report:

We nominate Rev. C. B. Bass to preach Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock, and Rev. G. H. Jordan to preach Friday at 11:00 o'clock.

Delegates of Pleasant Home and Pittman Creek Churches.

##### Auxiliaries Committee

We, your committee on Auxiliaries, make the following report:

We find that the 16 of the 17 churches represented in this Association have Sunday Schools, 6 have F. W. B. Leagues, 5 have Woman's Auxiliaries, and only 5 churches have all 3 Auxiliaries.



We feel it should be the pastors, deacons, and church officials duty of his church to have all of these Auxiliaries.

If we fail our youth today, what can we expect tomorrow?

DOROTHY LAMB,

RALPH BELL,

J. S. CONNER.

#### Suggestions Committee

We, your Committee on Suggestions, make the following report:

We suggest that the Churches in the State Line Association strive to have church at least twice a month and that each church give the fullest of support to their Sunday School and League Services.

We suggest that each church have Communion Services at least once each quarter.

We also urge our ministers to attend and support our Sunday School and League Conventions.

We suggest that each member of each church in the State Line Association send twenty-five cents to the Association next year for the purpose of building a Youth Training Camp.

MRS. MATTIE TOLER,

MRS. ANNIE MAE HART,

MRS. BILLY DERL AMMONS.

#### Temperance Committee

We, the Committee on Temperance recommend temperance in all things. We should practice temperance before the rising generation, and discourage the selling and drinking of strong drink.

We recommend that all pastors preach at least two sermons a year on temperance.

THELMA WOODHAM,

A. C. TOLAR,

CHARLES MIXON.

#### Education Committee

We, your Committee on Education make the following report:

We see a great need for leadership in our denomination today. We should do something about educating our young people, because our youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow.

We feel that every church should organize a league to start teaching their children in the parliamentary laws of the church.

We ask that every church give as liberally as possible to the college that we may have more educated teachers and preachers.

MRS. RALPH BELL,

FRANK BAXLEY.



### Special Committee

We, your Committee on Bible College Funds and Superannuation, recommend that each church in the State Line Association take a free will offering twice during the year for the following causes:

One collection goes to the three students at the Bible College, namely: J. B. Hall, Geraldine Hall, and Maxine Kirksey, the collection to be divided equally. The other collection goes to State Treasurer of Superannuation Funds.

The responsibility of these offerings is placed on the delegates of each church represented here.

The Moderator of the churches shall designate the months each church shall take these collections.

ULAS GRANGER,

RALPH L. BELL,

WHITMAN L. LYNN.

### Home Missions Committee

We, your Committee on Home Mission, submit the following report:

We recommend that in churches where no Sunday School is organized that the pastor encourage the organization of one, and that the association encourage the organization of churches in areas where there is no Free Will Baptist Church.

There are many towns and cities where there is no Free Will Baptist Church. There is no reason for our denomination being a rural denomination.

BESSIE SOWELL,

NINA MAE JONES,

MAXWELL SIMS.

### Obituaries Committee

We, your Committee on Obituaries find from the various church letters that there has been 17 deaths during the past associational year, namely:

Ellen Robinson, Lizzie Smith, Edgar Peterson, Odie Conner, John Jeffcoat, Ira G. McNeal, Wesley Tolar, Anna Williams, Jennie Adams, Ellen Monday, Lora Adams, W. J. Sowell, Annie Lee Gavins, S. E. Anglin, Sr., Claude Locke, Nancy Harrell, Hardy Thorne.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN KING,

ELNA WOODHAM,

MRS. JAMES CALLOWAY.



### Finance Committee

We, your Committee on Finance report the following:

We find \$182.00 for Associational purposes.

WHITMAN LYNN,

DEWEY JONES,

JAMES CALLOWAY.

### State of Churches and Character of Ministers Committee

We, your Committee on the State of Churches and Character of Ministers, submit the following report:

We find the churches in fair condition, trying to progress, some by adding Sunday School Rooms and one by building a new church.

As for the ministers we feel they would be more progressive if they would preach the gospel instead of explaining the ways of the world, which we already know about. If the layman are to know the truth, how will they know, except they be taught from the Bible? When the preachers leave the worldly ways out of the pulpit it will be easier for the christians to leave it out of their hearts. Therefore, let us pray that the christians will be filled with the LOVE of God and the pulpit with the word of God.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. HUGH JEFFCOAT,

RALPH L. BELL,

E. S. JONES.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand beginning 1950 session.....	\$148.32
Received at 1950 session.....	182.99
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>\$331.31</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Rev. G. H. Jordan, Moderator.....	\$10.00
Paid C. B. Green, Clerk.....	15.00
Paid Rev. D. W. Poole, Treasurer.....	10.00
Paid Postage (Mailing 1949 Minutes).....	4.40
Paid Postage (Mailing 1950 Minutes).....	2.98
Paid for printing 1950 Minutes.....	70.00
Paid for printing Statistical Table.....	16.43
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$128.81</b>
Balance on hand beginning 1951 session.....	\$202.50

Respectfully,

REV. D. W. POOLE, Treasurer.



## OBITUARIES

**ANGLIN**—In memory of our brother, friend, and father, S. E. Anglin, Sr., who departed from this life December 3, 1950. He was ninety-one years old, has been a member of Union Springs Church since he accepted Christ in early boyhood. He served as a deacon for about forty-five years.

He leaves five boys and five girls to carry on his good works, all of which he taught to love their God. We feel his absence can never be replaced in the church, community, and our home, we know his place is filled just as God would want it, in Heaven.

Written by

CLARENCE McNEIL (Grandson)

Church Clerk.

**HARRELL**—In memory of our beloved Sister, Nancey Harrell, who departed this life February 8, 1951, making her stay on earth some 80 odd years. She was a faithful member of Union Springs Church.

She leaves a husband to mourn her passing and a host of friends.

She bore her suffering very patiently and prayed both day and night.

Written by

CLARENCE McNEIL.

**LOCK**—In memory of our beloved friend and brother, Claude Lock. He had been a member of Union Springs Church for many years. His trials are over, his victory won. He leaves many friends and several children to mourn his departure.

Written by Church Clerk,

CLARENCE McNEIL.

**SMITH**—In memory of our beloved Sister Lizzie L. Smith, who departed from this life suddenly August 10, 1951. She was a faithful member of Hickory Hill F. W. B. Church since 1942. She was 78 years old. Hope she has gone to a better world.

Written by

EMMA WHITE,

Church Clerk.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES											Value of Church Building	Value of Other Church Property	No. in S. S.	No. In F.W.B. League	No. In Wom. Aux.	Meeting Days	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	F. W. B. L. PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES
			Inc. by Baptism	Inc. by Confession	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Restoration	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Expulsion	Dec. by Death	Total Membership	Associational Purposes	Paid Pastor								
Spring Hill.....	John M. Rich.....	Mrs. Hugh Jeffcoat, Gordan, Ala.....	3	0	0	0	6	0	4	292	\$ 10.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 2500.00	\$ 500.00	70	...	...	1st	Whitman Lynn, Gordan, Ala.....	
Prospect.....	T. B. Mellette.....	Mrs. Irell Ingram, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 4, Box229.	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	228	25.00	1096.36	12000.00	3000.00	61	36	17	Full Time	W. A. Brown, Dothan, Ala., Rt. 5.....	Miss Glenda Smith, Dothan, Ala., Rt.
New Harmony...	John M. Rich.....	Mrs. James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.....	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	141	5.00	428.35	4000.00	400.00	60	...	...	2nd & 4th	Mrs. James Calloway, Cottonwood, Ala.....	
Howards Grove..	G. H. Jordan.....	A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.....	4	0	3	0	6	0	6	463	15.00	420.00	1000.00	500.00	68	60	35	2nd & 4th	E. S. Jones, Ashford, Ala.....	Lamar Murdock, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 1..
Pleasant Home...	L. C. Mixon.....	Loyd Bottoms, Black, Ala.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	291	10.00	197.88	1300.00	500.00	81	65	15	3rd	Emmitt Dunn, Geneva, Ala.....	Luverne Hodges, Geneva, Ala.....
Hickory Hill.....	A. C. Tolar.....	Emma White, Center Hill, Fla.....	8	0	1	0	2	0	1	57	9.00	36.48	3500.00	200.00	37	...	...	1st	A. C. Tolar, Center Hill, Fla.....	
Shiloh.....	Kenneth Phillips..	James Driskell, Columbia, Ala.....	24	0	6	0	0	0	1	198	5.00	556.03	1500.00	1000.00	65	27	27	2nd & 4th	C. J. Duke, Columbia, Ala., Rt. 2.....	James Driskell, Columbia, Ala.....
Corinth.....	C. B. Bass.....	S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.....	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	132	11.00	217.21	2000.00	300.00	28	...	...	3rd	George Mallory, Midland City, Ala.....	
Grangerburg.....	John M. Rich.....	Royce Asken, Gordon, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	5.00	157.88	750.00	300.00	50	...	...	3rd	P. W. West, Cottonwood, Ala.....	
Pittmans Creek..	L. C. Mixon.....	Earl Sowell, Black, Ala., Rt. 1.....	16	9	0	0	2	20	1	106	9.00	100.58	1000.00	250.00	60	...	...	1st	J. H. Hawthorne, Black, Ala.....	
Springfield.....	Kenneth Phillips..	Dorothy Lamb, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2, Box 29...	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	10.00	304.90	2000.00	500.00	54	22	12	1st & 3rd	Mrs. Elmer Rabon, Webb, Ala.....	Mrs. Jim Kay, Ashford, Ala., Rt. 2.
Pleasant Ridge...	A. H. Retherford..	Sidney Tindell, Cottonwood, Ala.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	10.00	411.00	2000.00	750.00	19	...	...	2nd & 4th	Mrs. J. D. Brown, Marianna, Fla.....	
Union Springs...	B. W. Clenny.....	Clarence McNeal, Pansey, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	270	10.00	422.82	3000.00	500.00	65	45	...	2nd	Maxwell Sims, Pansey, Ala., Rt. 1.....	Whitt Lynn, Pansey, Ala.....
New Hope.....	C. B. Bass.....	Z. A. Ammons, Midland, City, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8.00	88.96	1000.00	500.00	23	...	...	4th	Billy Derl Ammons, Midland, City, Ala. Rt. 1	
Magnolia.....	Paul Mallory .....	Nell Rose Etheridge, Midland City, Ala.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	106	6.00	139.17	1000.00	1000.00	...	...	...	4th		
Cowarts Creek...	Roy Roberts .....	Willie Mae Barfield, Ashford, Ala.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	30.00	454.63	3000.00	...	36	...	...	1st & 3rd	Harvey Anderson, Ashford, Ala.....	
Rocky Grove.....	J. W. Roberts....	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	3.00	64.00	1000.00	500.00	20	...	...	4th	Charlie Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.....	
			156	9	14	0	30	25	17	2761	\$181.00	.....	.....	.....	797	255	71	.....		

WOMEN'S AUXILLARY PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES

Mrs. Doci Allen, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.....
Mrs. Ruby Nobles, Cottonwood, Ala., Rt. 1..
Mrs. Beulah Hicks, Geneva, Ala.....
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Mrs. Herbert Johnston, Webb, Ala., Rt. 1..
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