

MINUTES
— OF THE —
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
— OF THE —
EAST ALABAMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
ST. JAMES FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
2009 SECOND AVENUE
SECOND SATURDAY IN
AUGUST, 1960

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter E. Jones Moderator
2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.

Bro. E. J. Duck Assistant Moderator

Mrs. Dorothy Hendon Clerk and Treasurer

Miss Peggy Hendon Assistant Clerk

The Fourth Session will be held with First Free Will Baptist
Church on the Second Saturday in August, 1961, Opelika,
Alabama.

EAST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Order of Business of Quarterly or Yearly Association

1. The body called to order by the Moderator if present, if not the Assistant Moderator if he is present, if not the body may select some other suitable member to act as Moderator.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Morning Message.
6. Woman's auxiliary Business and Program
7. Call for committee reports
8. Call for miscellaneous or new business.
9. Election of officers at yearly association and appointing time and place for quarterly meeting.
10. Adjournment.

CALENDAR OF MEETING FOR YEAR 1960-1961

Alabama State Association on November 10-11-12, 1960 at East Birmingham Freewill Baptist Church, 4408 - Tenth Ave. North, Birmingham, Ala.

First Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be on November 5, 1960 at Opelika, Alabama.

State Youth Rally to be held at First Freewill Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama on December _____, 1960.

Second Quarterly Association of East Alabama will be held on Second Saturday in February at Unity Freewill Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

East Alabama District Sunday School and League Convention to be held at St. James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama on Second Saturday in April, 1961.

Third Quarterly Association of East Alabama will be held at St. James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama on second Saturday in May, 1961.

State Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School and League Convention to be held on June _____, 1961 Dothan, Ala.

Fourth Annual Session of the East Alabama Association to be held on Second Saturday in August 1961 at First Freewill Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Chairman, Bro. W. C. Bush, Bro. Sanford Hale

THE ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Gilbert Lacy, Chairman, from Opelika; Rev. A. T. Byrd, from St. James; Bro. Gaines Henry from Unity; Bro. J. N. Bramlett from St. James; Bro. Huey Lacy from Opelika.

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

St. James:

Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 Second Avenue, Phenix City—Pastor.
Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala.
Rev. A. T. Byrd 1323-14th Avenue, Phenix City, Ala.

Unity:

Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham, Ala, Pastor
Rev. C. L. Finch, Pell City, Ala.
Rev. Donald Grice, Birmingham Highway, Sylacauga, Ala.

First at Opelika:

Rev. A. G. Lacy—Opelika, Ala., Pastor
Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Columbus, Ga.
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Creech, Address Unknown.

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association held its first quarterly meeting Nov. 14, 1959 with First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala. Opening song "He Lives." Prayer by Bro. Hale. Devotional by Rev. Walter Jones.

1. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter Jones.

2. Corresponding letters were received from First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika, Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Sylacauga and St. James Freewill Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala. Letters were

read by Bro. Dowdney. A motion was made and carried to adopt letters as read.

3. Welcome was given to visitors by Bro. Jones

4. Appointing Committee by moderator.

1. Finance Committee - Peggy Hendon, St. James, Sis. Dowdney, Opelika, Unity Carol, Grice.

2. Business Committee - Bro. Sanford Hale, Opelika, Bro. Jackson, St. James, Bro. Alton Barnes, Unity.

3. Deceased Committee - Linda Howard, St. James, Sis. U. Z. Hale, Opelika, Carolyn Grice, Unity.

4. Temperance Committee - Linda Hendon, St. James, Bro. U. Z. Hale, Opelika, Sis. Cooper, Unity.

5. Sabbath Observance Committee - Sis. Kate Westley, St. James, Bro. Lacy, Opelika, Bro. Donald Grice, Unity.

6. Sunday School Committee - Bro. Charles Allen, Opelika, Carolyn McDaniel, Unity, Linda Hendon, St. James.

7. League Committee - Sis. Cagle, Bro. Kenneth Brown, Sis. Brooks.

5. Morning message was given by Rev. C. B. Dowdney.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1 P.M.

Meeting convenes at 2:00 P. M. Opening song "The Regions Beyond." Prayer by Bro. Donald Grice. Scripture reading by Bro. Finch.

6. Ladies auxiliary program.

Call for committee reports.

7. Finance committee report: Received from Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Sylacauga \$10, First Freewill of Opelika, \$10 and St. James of Phenix City \$10, making a total of \$30. \$15 of this total to be given to the Freewill Baptist children's home of Eldridge, Ala.

2. Business committee report: The business committee recommends that each pastor suggest to his church that they give regular offerings for the purpose of promoting evangelistic work within our association.

3. Deceased committee Bro. Quillia Jackson of First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika passed away Aug. 9, 1959. He was a charter member and deacon of the church. Bro. William J. Hallmark of St. James Church of Phenix City passed away Oct. 21, 1959.

4. Temperance committee report. We urge that we be temperant in all things. Be watchful of our temper that we may work and worship together in brotherly love and strive for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

5. Sabbath observance Committee report, God gave the command. "Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy." We urge all Christians to use this day wisely and reverently.

6. Sunday School Committee report, we have a Sunday School in each of our churches. We have 287 enrolled with an average attendance of 194.

7. League Committee report, we love our league because it is a good body of the church. Through our league we receive more understanding and we feel that it is for the upbuilding of our churches. Each person should have a part, and our prayer is that it will continue to grow in spirit.

8. Miscellaneous or new business:

9. A brief report was given by Bro. Jones on the State association meeting held with St. James church of Phenix City.

10. Bro. Finch suggested a rising vote of thanks to Opelika church for the wonderful hospitality shown during this meeting. Moved to adjourn until next quarterly meeting to be held Feb. 13, 1960 at St. James church in Phenix City, Ala.

Rev. Walter Jones, Moderator

Sis. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk, Treasurer

1. East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association second quarterly meeting held Feb. 14, 1960 with St. James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City. Opening song, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer Bro. Hale. Rev. A. T. Byrd served as moderator, due to the illness of Bro. Jones.

2. Corresponding letters were received from Opelika and St. James Churches. Sylacauga was not represented at this meeting, but to send their letter and fee at a later date. Letters read and adopted.

3. Welcome given by Bro. Byrd. We were happy to have Bro. Whitehurst visiting with us from the Chatt. Association.

4. APPOINTING COMMITTEES

1. Business & Finance Committees - Bro. Hale, Opelika; Bro. Warr, St. James; Bro. Lacy, Opelika.

2. Deceased Committee - Sis. Gibson, St. James; Sis. Cagle, Opelika; Sis. Scarbrough, St. James.

3. Temperance and Sabbath Observance Committee - Bro. Bramlett and Sis. Hendon, St. James; Sis. Dowdney, Opelika; Sis. Hale, Opelika.

4. Sunday School and League Committee - Sis. Whitehurst, Linda Hendon, St. James; Sis. Hale, Bro. Lacy, Opelika.

5. Bro. Byrd brought the morning message. His Subject was "Unsatisfied and Satisfied."

6. PROGRAM BY LADIES AUXILIARY

Meeting convenes at 1:30 O'clock. Song, "I Am Bound For The Promised Land." Prayer Bro. Byrd. Scripture reading by Bro. Byrd.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and business committee report. \$10 received from each church total \$30. \$15 of this to be sent to Childrens' Home. Opelika sends \$24.25 for home missions. This treasure is to be used within the association for mission.

The Business Committee recommends that a treasurer be elected for this mission treasurer, also appoints one from each church to serve on a committee to approve any spending of this treasury. Sis. Hendon was elected treasurer. Bro. Warr, St. James, was elected to serve on this committee.

Deceased Committee report read and adopted. Bro. Barnes Eiland, St. James Church, born Sept 6, 1881 died Nov. 23, 1959.

Sis. Susie Newman, St. James Church born June 1898 died Nov. 29, 1959.

Bro. Andrew Jackson born Dec. 10, 1910 died Feb. 4, 1960, St. James Church.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance Committee report, read and adopted. Proverbs 21-17, "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man." "He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich." Prov. 23-1 & 2. When

thou sitteth to eat with a ruler consider diligently him that is before thee And put a knife to thou throat if thou be a man given to appetite. The Lord said to remember thee Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy.

Sunday School and League Committee report read and adopted. District Sunday School and League convention to be held the 2nd Saturday in April at Unity Church in Sylacauga. It is recommended that each church send 3 delegates.

Bro. Hale suggested a rising vote of thanks to host church. Moved to adjourn by Bro. Lacy, seconded and carried. Dismissed by Sis. Hale. Next meeting to be held May 14, 1960 with Unity Church, Sylacauga.

Rev. A. T. Byrd, Moderator

Sis. Hendon, Clerk

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association 3rd quarterly meeting held May 14, 1960 with Unity Freewill Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Opening song, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Grice. The devotional was given by Bro. Duck.

1. The meeting was then called to order by the moderator.
2. Corresponding letters were received from various churches; read and adopted.
3. The moderator gave welcome to visitors.

4. APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:

1. Business and Finance Committee, Bro. Bramlett, Bro. Duck, Bro. Allen and Rodney Finch.
2. Deceased Committee, Sis. Brooks and Linda Hendon.
3. Temperance Committee, Bro. Henry and Bro. Hagan.
4. Sabbath Observance Committee, Bro. Grice, Sis. Cooper and Peggy Hendon.
5. Sunday School Committee, Sis. Grice, Bro. Gilmore and Sis. Watson.
6. League Committee Donald Duck, Bro. Grice and Sis. Allen.
5. Morning message was given by Bro. Jones. Meeting adjourn for lunch at 1 P.M. Meeting convenes at 2:30 P.M. Opening song, "Won't It be Wonder There." Scripture reading by Bro. Jones.
6. Ladies Auxiliary business meeting was held at this time.

7. CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business and Finance Committee report Each of the three churches sent \$5 for minutes, a total of \$15, and \$5 each for the Children Home, a total of \$15, making a total of \$30 received. This committee recommended that each church make a monthly offering to the childrens home. We also recommend that we send all can goods possible at all times. These items were adopted.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Temperance Committee report: We the Temperance Committee recommend that temperance in all walks of life be taught in all our services including Sunday Schools, prayer meetings and all regular services. We believe the temperate life will have a stronger influence on our follow man. The Bible tells us to be temperate in all things.

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

Gerald Gentry age 17, died Feb. 8, 1960

Sabbath Observance Committee, no report.

Sunday School Committee report. June 10-11th.

Sunday School and League State Convention will be held at Florence, Ala. Please nominate delegates for this meeting. We express our deepest sympathy for Shelia Grimes family. Little Shelia was a member of the Junior class of St. James Freewill Baptist Sunday School. She was severely burned and passed away.

League Committee report: We of the League Committee are glad to report that all three churches are reporting much success in League work. He thank the Lord for this and urge each league to strive to train better teachers.

Each of these committees reports were adopted by the association.

Bro. Jones made a motion to extend a rising vote of thanks to host church for the wonderful way they provided for visitors. This motion was carried. Moved to adjourn by Bro. Allen, who also gave the benediction.

East Ala. Association held its third annual meeting Aug. 13, 1960 with St. James F. W. B. Church of Phenix City, Ala. Opening song: "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer by Bro. Lacy. A quartet from Unity Church gave special singing which was enjoyed by all.

1. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter E. Jones.

2. Corresponding letters were received from Unity, First Freewill and St. James Churches, which were read by Bro. Calloway.

3. Committees were appointed as follows:

1. Business or Suggestion Committee - Bro. Jackson, First Freewill of Opelika; Bro. Grice, Unity of Sylacauga; Bro. Warr, St. James of Phenix City.
2. Deceased Committee - Sis. Moore, Unity; Sis. Lacy, First Freewill; Sis. Deason St. James.
3. Temperance Committee - Bro. Calloway, First Freewill, Sis. Warr, St. James; Carol Grice, Unity.
4. Sabbath Observance Committee - Bro. Hale, First Freewill, Bro. Bramlett, St. James; Sis. Brooks, Unity.
5. Finance Committee - Bro. U. Z. Hale, First Freewill; Sis. Gentry Unity; Donnie Bradshaw, St. James.

4. INVITE VISITING BRETHREN TO SEATS:

Bro. Chester O'Donnell was visiting with us. Bro. O'Donnell is clerk of the Ala. State Association.

5. Morning Message was given by Rev. W. H. Ryland, pastor of Unity church of Sylacauga, after which we were dismissed for lunch.

Meeting convenes at 1:35 P.M. Opening song, "Standing On The Promises." Scripture reading by Bro. Jones.

6. Ladies Auxiliary business meeting and program of special singing.

7. CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee recommends that each of the churches in our association divide their church tithes with all phases of the Freewill Baptist movement; which are the Childrens' Home, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Superannuation and the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. This recommendation was adopted by the association.

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

St. James F. W. B. Church

Bro. A. Barnes Eiland - Nov. 23, 1959

Sis. Susie Newman - Nov. 29, 1959

Bro. William Hallmark - Oct. 22, 1959

Bro. Andrew Jackson - Feb. 4, 1960

Sis. Velma Blackmon - Aug. 3, 1960

Unity Freewill Baptist Church

Gerald Gentry - Feb. 10, 1960

First Freewill Church

Bro. Quilla Jackson - August 9, 1959

In view of these whom God in His providence saw fit to call from this world of sorrow. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain" Phil. 1:21. We feel that this is true to these.

"They are gone but not forgotten,

Death is over and life is won.

They will rest with Christ forever,

And soon we will be with them above."

Temperance Committee report: We the Temperance Committee recommend that we as Freewill Baptist refrain from all alcholic beverages, refrain from all profanity and control our temper at all times. Have patience with all work we do and preserve our souls unto the coming of our Lord and Savior. May The Lord bless and keep you.

Sabbath Observance Committee report: We recommend to you, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, that you live and pray to the extent that you may have the leadership of the Holy Spirit and teach your children and your neighbors' children in the love of Christ.

Finance Report: Each church included \$10 for minutes and \$5 offering for Children's Home, total \$45. A special offering was taken for the State Home Mission Treasure. Total offering \$13.25.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly meetings are to be held as follows. First quarterly meeting, first Saturday in November, 1960 at First F. W. B. Church of Opelika. The Pastor will be bringing the message. Second quarterly meeting, second Saturday in Feb. 1960 at Unity F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga. Bro. Gilbert Lacy is to bring the message. Third quarterly meeting second Saturday in May at St. James F. W. B. Church of Phenix City. Pastor will bring message. 4th Annual Association, second Saturday in Aug., 1961 at First F. W. B. Church of Opelika. Bro. J. J. Staab is to bring the message.

9. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator - Bro. Walter E. Jones

Assistant Moderator - Bro. Duck

Clerk - Sis. Dorothy Hendon

Assistant Clerk - Peggy Hendon

Ordination Council - Bro. Gilbert Lacy, Bro. Byrd, Bro. Henry, Bro. Bramlett and Bro. Huey Lacy.

Executive Committee - Bro. Ryland, Chairman, Bro. Bush and Bro. S. Hale.

An ordination service was held at this time. Bro. Donald Grice

a licensed minister of Unity F. W. Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala. was ordained.

Bro. Jackson was ordained for a deacon. Bro. Jackson is a member of First F. W. Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala.

Minutes of Sunday School and League convention were read and adopted. Bro. Ryland gave an interesting talk and called for a rising vote of thanks to host church, for the wonderful way they entertained the association.

Bro. Chester O'Donnell gave a brief talk on home mission and the different movements which are supported through the Ala. State F. W. Baptist Association. He urged that each church help support each phase of our F. W. B. work

10. Moved to adjourn, Dismissed by Bro. Donald Grice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & LEAGUE CONVENTION

The second meeting of the East Ala. Sunday School and League Convention convened April 9th, 1960 at the Unity F. W. B. Church of Sylacauga.

The Moderator was Rev. Walter Jones of the St. James F.W.B. Church. The opening song was "Love Lifted Me." It was followed by a short song service which was directed by Rev. Donald Grice.

A short spiritual program was presented by the St. James F. W. B. Church and the Unity F. W. B. Church.

(Dismissed for lunch at 12:15)

(Convened at 1:00)

A sword drill was directed by Rev. Walter Jones. The winners were Linda Hendon, Peggy Scarbrough, and Donnie Bradshaw. All of which were from the St. James F. W. B. Church.

The Church letters were read and accepted.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Kenneth Brown, Pres.; Donnie Bradshaw, Vice Pres. Other officers retained from last year.

It was also stated that each church would be represented by a short program at the next meeting.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. Rev. Walter Jones gave the dismissal.

The Sunday School and League Convention will convene the second Saturday in April of 1961, at St. James if it be God's will.

Yours truly,

Carol Grice, Sec. & Treasurer

COMMITTEE ON LADIES AUXILIARY

Report of the Auxiliary of the East Ala. Association (yearly report) when convened with St. James Freewill Baptist Church 2009 2nd Avenue, Phenix City Ala.

President Mrs Gentry, Sylacauga, Ala.
Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. Alma Hale, Rte. 1 Box 28,
Opelika, Ala.

Number of Auxiliary	3	Hospital visits	347
Number on Roll	34	Sick calls	1,244
Number meeting held	36	Trays served	277

FINANCIAL REPORT

Flowers sent	\$39.76	Church Project	178.91
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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Association project 25.00 Total in Treasurer \$67.06
 Mrs. Alma Hale Secretary & Treasurer
 Rte. 1, Box 28B, Opelika, Ala.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually or as deemed necessary by the Church, or if they prefer they may call a pastor for an indefinite length of time.

2. The pastor shall be moderator of all church conferences, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some other suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

3. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in the administrative of the Lord's Supper.

4. 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 minutes of the Church.

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

6. 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 spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

7. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

1. Prayer (unless divine service has been conducted). 2. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us. 3. Open doors of the church for reception of members. 4. For acknowledgments. 5. For reference or deferred business. 6. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the Church. 7. Miscellaneous business. 8. Adjournment.

8. Visiting brethren as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

9. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does hold this church in membership, 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.

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

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

12. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

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

14. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their peti-

tion if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

15. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and a second and in all important questions the votes shall be taken by rising on their feet.

16. No other motion shall be considered while previous motion and second is before the Conference.

17. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to be absent from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the Moderator.

19. All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

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

21. When the Moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother in his stead.

22. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

23. It shall be the rule of the Church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing at least four times a year and the expenses are to be paid by the Church.

24. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

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

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

27. Association recommended that this association not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes.

28. Any member who is absent from his church for six months shall be placed on inactive roll until he returns and proves himself to satisfaction of the church.

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association

to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be over-ruled.

6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

18. Minutes of the Association shall be read and adopted at the end of each session.

19. No preacher shall be ordained unless called to take charge of a church as pastor or for some other good and sufficient reason.

20. Any church desiring the service of the Ordaining Council between conferences bear the expense of the council.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and

in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

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

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for

rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

PREAMBLE: The East Alabama Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and Leagues, do hereby organize as a District Convention in order to advance, promote, inspire, inform, teach and train our respective groups for greater service to Christ and the cause of our denomination.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. Name—This organization shall be known as the East Alabama District Sunday School—League Convention.

ARTICLE 2. Officers—The officers of this convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sword Drill Director, Chorister, Pianist and Executive Board of five members.

ARTICLE 3. Representation—

1. Each Sunday School and League shall send from one to ten delegates from each church and a \$4.00 fee.

2. All delegates are to be appointed from local Church.

ARTICLE 4. Executive Board shall be the same as the East Alabama Association Executive Board of the Association.

2. The duties of the executive board and officers shall be to act for the convention when that body is not in regular session, and to act as a promotional agency for the Sunday Schools and Leagues in general. The convention program shall be planned three months prior to convention date, by the officers of Sunday School and League Convention.

ARTICLE 5. Meetings—This convention shall meet on the second Saturday of April of each year, and at a place selected by the convention while in regular session or by the executive board.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. Duties of Officers—

1. President— it shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the Convention, appoint temporary committees, and to see that the convention is governed in the Spirit of Christ and according to parliamentary usage of Robert's Rules of Order. The president shall call the officers of the convention, along with the executive board, into session to plan the convention program.

Section 2. Vice-President—The vice-president shall carry on the duties of the President when that office is not present or when requested by the president. He shall assist in the general supervision of the duties of that office.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasury—It shall be the duty of this officer to keep an accurate record of the transactions of the convention and to preserve the same. It shall also be the duty of this officer to be custodian of all monies coming into the treasury and shall make a

financial report at each session of the Convention. He shall disburse all monies as directed by the Convention or the executive board, while the convention is not in regular session. All the valuable documents shall be turned over promptly to his successor in office.

Section 4. Sword Drill Director—It shall be the duty of this officer to prepare and preside over all Bible quiz and sword drill programs.

Section 5. Chorister—The chorister shall direct the Musical and song portions of the convention program.

Section 6. Pianist—The pianist shall assist the chorister in the general program of music and song.

ARTICLE 2. Voting—

Section 1. All questions coming before the Convention shall be decided by majority vote, in case of a tie the president shall vote.

Section 2. Voting shall be restricted to all officers of the Convention, Ministers, Superintendents and delegates from each League and Sunday School.

ARTICLE 3. Election of Officers—

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by the Convention in regular session from nominations either by a committee or from the floor. This shall be done annually.

Section 2. No person shall be disqualified for re-election because of having previously held the office.

Section 3. Both Sunday School and League shall be emphasized during each convention program.

ARTICLE 4. Membership—The members of this convention shall be the regular officers, the executive board, Free Will Baptist Ministers in good standing, all Sunday School Superintendents, all League Presidents and delegates appointed by the organization they represent. It shall be the duty of organizations sending delegates to see that they bear proper credentials.

ARTICLE 5. Amendments—

Section 1. This constitution and these by-laws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-third vote of members present in regular session.

Section 2. All amendments shall lie on the table from Morning session through noon hour prior to adoption during the afternoon session.

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 Scripture, 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 forget 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 so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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