

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**EAST ALABAMA**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**FIRST FREE WILL**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**OPELIKA, ALABAMA**  
**SECOND SATURDAY IN**  
**AUGUST, 1961**

**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 Fifth Annual Session will be held with Unity Free Will Baptist Church on the Second Saturday in August, 1962, Sylacauga, 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 MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1961-1962**

Alabama State Association on November 9, 10, 11, 1961 at Fayette Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama.

First Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be on November 4, 1961, at St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama.

State Youth Rally to be held at Free Will Baptist Church in Northport, Alabama, on the last Saturday of December, 1961.

Second Quarterly Meeting of East Ala. Association will be held on the Second Saturday in February at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

East Alabama District Sunday School and League Convention to be held at Free Will Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama on the Second Saturday of April 1962.

Third Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held at Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama, on the Second Saturday of May 1962.

State Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School and League Convention to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June 1962, Dothan, Alabama.

Fifth Annual Session of the East Alabama Association will be held at Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama on the Second Saturday in August, 1962.

### **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Johnny Baxley, Chairman, Bro. W. C. Bush, Rev. Sanford Hale.

### **THE ORDINATION COUNCIL**

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Chairman, from Sylacauga, Rev. G. T. Halliman, from St. James; Bro. Gaines Henry from Unity; Bro. J. N. Bramlett, from St. James; Bro. Huey Lacy from Opelika; Bro. Elvie Warr from St. James.

### **NAME AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS**

St. James:

Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Pastor.  
Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st Street Phenix City, Alabama.  
Rev. G. T. Halliman, 1813 10th Ave., Phenix City, Alabama.  
Rev. Warren Wyatt, License, Route #3, Box 435 Phenix City, Alabama.

Unity:

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow 804 W. Pine St. Sylacauga, Alabama.  
Rev. H. C. Killen, Sylacauga, Alabama.  
Rev. J. C. Baxley, Sylacauga, Alabama.

First at Opelika:

Rev. Sanford Hale, Pastor Route 1, Opelika, Alabama.  
Rev. Huey Lacy License Opelika, Alabama.

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association held its first quarterly meeting on Nov. 5, 1960 at First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama. Opening song, "Kneel At The Cross." Prayer by Bro. Grice.

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



2. Corresponding letters were received from various churches. Read by Bro. Duck.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats. Welcome given by Bro. Duck.
4. Committees appointed by moderator.

#### APPOINTING COMMITTEES

1. Business Committee - Bro. Lacy, Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. Grice.
2. Finance Committee Bro. S. Hale, Bro. Gilmore, Bro. Bradshaw.
3. Deceased Committee - Carol Grice, Sis. Elsie Hale, Sis. Watson.
4. Sabbath observance Committee - Bro. Horace Jackson, Sis. Brooks, Donnie Bradshaw.
5. Temperance Committee - Bro. Charles Allen, Bro. Bramlett, Bro. A. J. Jones.
5. Morning message by Rev. Lacy.  
Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Hale.  
Meeting convened at 2:00 O'Clock. Song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Sis. Cooper.
6. Ladies Auxiliary Program and business session. Bro. Duck gave the devotional.
7. Call for Committee reports.

1. Business Committee report. We regret to accept Bro. Walter Jones resignation on the Board of trustees of the children home due to his ill health. We recommend Bro. E. J. Duck to serve on this board for at least one year. We recommend that we receive Rev. A. G. Lucy into our association pending a letter from his association.

2. Finance Committee report. \$10 received from each of the 3 churches in our association. Total \$30.

3. Deceased report. Sis. Emma R. Jones member of St. James Church died Oct. 1, 1960.

What it must be to step on shore, and find it—Heaven,  
To take hold of a hand and find it—God's Hand  
To breathe a new air and find it—celestial Air  
To feel invigorated and find it, immortality  
To rise from the care and turmoil of earth  
Into one unbroken calm,  
To wake up and find it—Glory

This I believe my sweet mother will find.

Jesus said, "well done, good and faithful servant."

4. Sabbath observance Committee report. God created heaven and earth and all therein and on the Sabbath day he rested. As Christians we should keep it Holy. For God sent His only Son that through him we might have this opportunity for rest and peace. We as Christians should be better workers for the Lord.

5. Temperance Committee report. We the Temperance Committee believe in being temperant in all things, loving our church and our neighbors with the love that Jesus taught.

8. Miscellaneous or new business.

Delegates appointed to attend State Association were Bro. J. W. Gilmore, Bro. E. J. Duck, Bro. & Sis. Gentry, Bro. J. T. Jones and Bro. Grice.

We discussed and approved to have a committee to send a letter to St. Mark and St. Luke Churches of Phenix City and First Freewill

Church of Sylacauga inviting them into our Association. Bro. Warr suggested a rising vote of thanks to host church for the wonderful hospitality shown during this meeting.

A motion was made by Bro. Warr to adjourn until next quarterly meeting to be held on Feb. 11, 1961 at Unity Church.

Dismissed by Bro. Jones.

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association held its 2nd quarterly meeting Feb. 11, 1961 at Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama. Opening song, "There's Power in The Blood." Prayer by Bro. Sanford Hale.

1. Meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter Jones. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

2. Corresponding letters were received from various churches. Letters were read by Bro. Duck.

3. Welcome to visitors was given by Bro. Jones. Visitors included Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Bro. Carlton Lambert and several children from the children's home and Rev. & Mrs. G. T. Halliman.

4. Committees were appointed as follows:

Business Committee - Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. J. N. Bramlett and Bro. Gaines Henry.

2. Finance Committee - Bro. Sanford Hale, Bro. Gilmore and Bro. Palmore.

3. Deceased Committee - Juanette Grimes, Sis. Grice and Sis. Sandford Hale.

4—Temperance Committee - Bro. Walter Gentry, Bro. Bradshaw and Bro. R. R. Pratt.

5. Sabbath Observance Committee - Bro. James Brown, Bro. J. C. Grimes and Bro. Huey Lacy.

6. Sunday School & League Committee - Donnie Bradshaw, Sis. Cagle and Carol Grice.

Morning message was given by Bro. Carlton Lambert. Bro. H. C. Killin, pastor gave a welcome and appreciation for everyone attending. Dismission for lunch by Bro. Bishop.

After lunch the Ladies Auxiliary held their business session and gave an interesting program.

7. Call for Committee reports.

1. Finance Committee report read and adopted. Received \$5 from each of three churches for minutes, also received \$5 from each church for children home. Total received \$30.

2. Business Committee. We recommend that Bro. Killin be accepted into this association as an ordained minister. We also recommend that each church consider the recommendation of the trustees of the children home to send 25c per member per month. We further urge that the pastor ask the ladies to remain seated at church until they are dismissed for preparing lunch in a group. We also recommend that Bro. Robert Creech's name be removed from the list of ordained ministers of this association. All these recommendations were adopted.

3. Deceased Committee report. We, the St. James Freewill Baptist Church deeply regret the passing of Sis. Cora Hearn, born Jan. 19, 1881, passed away Dec. 24, 1960. She was the last of the charter



members of our church. I am sure that God will say to her "Well Done Thou good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things enter into the joy of Thy Lord."

Bro. Park Davis born July 3, 1888, passed away Jan. 15, 1961.

First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika, little David Scott Allen, son of Bro. & Sis. Charles Allen, born Jan. 1, 1961 lived only a few hours.

4. Temperance Committee report. We the Temperance Committee remind each of us to be sober minded at all times. We believe all teachers and leaders should be consecrated Christians.

5. Sabbath observance Committee reminds us to attend church and Sunday School regularly and be loyal to our church at all times.

6. The Sunday School and League Convention will be held April 14, 1961 at St. James Church in Phenix City.

8. Miscellaneous or new business.

The ordination council voted to accept Bro. H. C. Killin as an ordained minister in this association. The council voted also to license Bro. Sanford Hale to preach the Gospel.

A motion was made to give a rising vote of thanks to host church for their wonderful entertainment and fellowship.

Moved to adjourn until second Sat. in May by Bro. Byrd.

Dismissed by Bro. Chester O. Donnell.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator  
Sis. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association 3rd quarterly meeting held May 13, 1961 with St. James church at Phenix City, Ala. Opening song, "All Hail The Power." Prayer by Bro. Killin. After a brief song service the meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Walter Jones.

Corresponding letters were received from each of the churches and read by Bro. Duck. The moderator gave a welcome to all visitors. Committees were appointed as follows:

1. Business and Finance - Bro. Duck, Bro. U. Z. Hale, and Bro. Bradshaw.
2. Deceased Committee - Sis. Cooper, Sis. Cagle and Carolyn Jones.
3. Sabbath Observance and Temperance Committee - Bro. J. C. Grimes, Bro. Giles and Bro. Gilmore.
4. Sunday School and League Committee - Bro. Horace Jackson, Sis. Sis. Gentry and William Fuller.

Morning message was given by Bro. Jones, after which the meeting was dismissed for lunch.

After lunch the Ladies Auxiliary held their business meeting and program.

#### CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS BUSINESS AND FINANCE

We the Business Committee recommend that each church of our association keep alert to the constant need of the children home, also that each church appoint a visitation committee to visit the home at the committee's convenience. We also recommend that each church appoint a committee to contact it's neighboring churches that are not

active in an association inviting them to join our association. These recommendations were adopted.

We the Finance Committee received \$10 from each church, total \$30, \$15 of this is for minutes and \$15 to be sent to the children home.

Deceased Committee report. Opelika, Ala. Bro. Hollis Mitchell Jackson, Born Nov. 1, 1926 - passed away Feb. 22, 1961.

St. James Church, Bro. Louie Warr, Born Sept. 9, 1921, died March 27, 1961.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance Committee. We the Committee agree to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world and from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

On the Sabbath Day all Christians are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

Sunday School and League Committee report. We the Sunday School and League Committee recommend that our Sunday Schools and Leagues endeavor to get more of our young people and older people to attend Sunday School and League. The Bible says "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15. Our state Sunday School & League and Ladies Auxiliary Convention will be held at Brilliant, Ala., Freewill Baptist Church in the early part of June.

Miscellaneous or new business:

A letter was received from the Progressive Association, dismissing Rev. H. C. Killins, Sr. A move was made and accepted to receive Bro. Killins into our Association as an ordained minister.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Unity Freewill Baptist Church send three dollars to go to Rev. Chester O'Donnell for all phases of the work. Moved to adjourn by Sis. Irene Johnson. A rising vote of thanks was given to host church for their wonderful fellowship. Dismissed by Bro. Charles Allen.

Bro. Walter Jones, Moderator. Sis. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

#### 4TH ANNUAL MEETING

East Ala., Association held it's fourth annual meeting Aug. 12, 1961 with First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala. Opening song — "Kneel At The Cross". Prayer by Bro. J. C. Baxley. A short song service, led by Bro. G. T. Halliman; was enjoyed by all.

1. Meeting was called to order by the moderator — Rev. Walter Jones.

2. Call for corresponding letters: Letters were received and adopted from all 3 churches and read by Bro. Duck.

3. Bro. Jones extended a welcome to all visitors.

4. Appointing of Committees:

1. Business and finance committee: Bro. Horace Jackson, chairman, Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. W. C. Bush, Bro. Charlie Jones and Bro. R. R. Pratt.



2. Temperance committee: Bro. U. Z. Hale, Chairman, Sis. Gentry and Bro. Clayton.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Vivian Ratchford, chairman, Sis. Lora Cagle and Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

4. Sabbath observance committee: Bro. Oscar Wyatt, chairman, Sis. Minnie Brooks and Sis. Flora Jackson.

5. Sunday School & League Committee: Carol Grice, chairman, Linda Hendon and Myrna Hale.

A short intermission was given before the morning worship hour. Bro. Bush led the song service and Rev. J. J. Staab gave the message. Dismissed for lunch and fellowship hour.

Meeting convened at 2 o'clock with a short song service led by Bro. Calloway. Bro. Jones read the Scripture — Philippians 4: 1-14.

6. Ladies Auxiliary business meeting and program.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Gentry. Each church was asked to have a representative from it's auxiliary to read their letter and give a brief talk on their activities. Letters were adopted. Sis. Gentry gave an interesting talk on the duties of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Officers were elected:

President .....	Sis. Gentry
Vice President .....	Sis. Peggy Warr
Secretary and Treasurer .....	Sis. Giles

The auxiliary resolved to work with young people more during the coming year.

7. Committee Reports:

1. Business Committee Report:

We the committee recommend that Rev. Chester Finch be left off the ministerial roll of our association, since he is no longer active in Unity Church — adopted.

Finance Committee Report:

Received \$15 from each church, total \$45. \$15 to be sent to the children's home and \$30 for association treasure.

2. Temperance Committee Report:

We the temperance committee recommend that temperance in all walks of life be taught first in our home. Also in our classrooms at church. We believe we should refrain from all ugly jokes and strong drinks. Parents should be mindful of all literature their children read.

3. Deceased Committee Report:

First Freewill Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala. David Scott Allen — Born January 1, 1961 lived only a few hours.

Bro. Hollis M. Jackson — Born November 1, 1926, Died February 22, 1961.

#### ST. JAMES F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH

Phenix City, Alabama

Sis. Emma R. Jones - Date of death Oct. 1, 1960

Sis. Cora Hearn - Born Jan. 19, 1881 - died Dec. 24, 1960

Bro. Park Davis - Born July 3, 1888 - Died Jan. 15, 1961

Bro. Louie Warr - Born Sept. 9, 1921, died March 27, 1961

Sis. Mae Belle Warr - Date of death, July 27, 1961

In view of these whom God, in His Providence, saw fit to call

from this world of sorrow. Paul said "I am ready to be offered." For me to live is Christ to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;

Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast:

We love thee well; but Jesus loves thee best.

Good night! Good night! Good night!

"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"

#### 4. SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

God commands that we keep the Sabbath Day Holy and to abstain from all work. We believe that we should teach our children to attend Sunday School and church every Sabbath also we should go with them for this is pleasing to the Lord.

#### 5. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

We the Sunday School and League Committee recommend that Sunday School and League members attend their convention at Opelika on the 2nd Saturday in April, 1962.

#### 8. MISCELLANEOUS OR NEW BUSINESS:

The ordination council recommends that Rev. Johnny Baxley be received into this association as a minister of the Gospel, also that Bro. Warren Wyatt and Bro. Huey Lacy be given license to preach the Gospel. These recommendations were adopted.

Rev. A. T. Byrd asked for a letter of recommendation to the Chattahoochee Association as a minister of the Gospel. Bro. Byrd has been called to pastor a church in that association. A motion was made and carried to grant him a letter of good standing from our association to the Chatt. Association.

It was suggested that a co-operative program be set up by selecting a committee of five, one as chairman, one as Treas. of the committee. Each church be requested to tithe to the association co-operative program. Fifty per cent of the money received to be sent to the Ala. State Co-operative Program and the other fifty per cent be used to expand the East Alabama Association. Through such endeavors as organizing new churches, sponsoring revivals in new areas, and buying and transporting equipment for such endeavors. The clerk is requested to send a copy of this to each church, asking them to report back at first quarterly meeting of their choice.

Received a love offering for Bro. Staab to help defray his expense to and from association meeting.

First quarterly meeting will be held 1st Sat. in Nov. at St. James, Phenix City, Ala. Bro. Warren Wyatt to bring the message. Second quarterly meeting will be held 2nd Saturday in Feb. at Unity, Sylacauga, Alabama Bro. Joe B. Ledow, speaker.

Sunday School and League Convention 2nd Saturday in April at First Freewill, Opelika, Ala. Third quarterly meeting 2nd Saturday in May, First Freewill, Opelika, Ala. Bro. Huey Lacy, speaker. Fifth annual association meeting 2nd Saturday in Aug., Unity, Sylacauga, Ala. Rev. Atkinson of Winfield, Alabama, speaker.

A motion was made and carried to give clerk power to order



## STATISTICAL TABLE

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associational letter forms. Volunteer delegates for the state asso., meeting were Sis. Evie Killen and Sis. Walter Gentry.

Officers elected for the coming year were Rev. Walter Jones—Moderator, Assistant Moderator—Bro. E. J. Duck, Sec. and Treas., Sis. Dorothy Hendon. In the event the clerk cannot attend a meeting she is to select someone to take her place.

A rising vote of thanks was given to host church for the wonderful fellowship enjoyed by all.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn until the 1st Sat. in Nov.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator  
Sis. Dorothy Hendon, Sect. & Treas.

### 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 objects 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 petition 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 mod-



erator 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 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 Scripture 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 disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, there fore, 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 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. 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." (1 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 obligation 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.