

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
EAST ALABAMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
UNITY FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA
SECOND SATURDAY IN
AUGUST, 1962

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter E. Jones Moderator
2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Bro. E. J. Duck Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Dorothy Hendon Clerk and Treasurer
Mrs. Juanita Wyatt Assistant Clerk
The Sixth Annual Session will be held with St. James Free Will
Baptist Church on the Second Saturday in August, 1963,
Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Homer Willis will be the speaker.

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 1962 - 1963

Alabama State Association on November 9, 10, 11, 1962 at Northport Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama.

First Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be on November 3, 1962, at Whiterock 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, 1962.

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 St. James Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama on the Second Saturday of April 1963.

Third Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held at Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama on the second Saturday of May 1963.

State Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School and League Convention to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the second Sunday in June 1963, Leads Church, Leads, Ala.

Sixth Annual Session of the East Alabama Association will be held at St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama on the Second Saturday in August, 1963. Rev. Homer Willis will be the speaker.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. R. L. Cook, Chairman, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. T. B. Calloway.

THE ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Archie Harris, Chairman, from Opelika, Rev. T. B. Calloway, from Whiterock, Bro. Elvie Warr from St. James, Rev. Warren Wyatt, from Whiterock, Bro. E. J. Duck from Unity.

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

St. James:

Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala., Pastor.
Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st Street, Phenix City, Alabama.

Unity:

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 804 W. Pine St. Sylacauga, Alabama, Pastor
Rev. Donald Grice, Sylacauga, Alabama.

First at Opelika:

Rev. Archie Harris, Pastor, 1602 - 4th Ave. Opelika, Ala.
Rev. Sanford Hale, Pastor, Route 1, Opelika, Alabama.
Rev. Huey Lacy, Opelika, Alabama.

White Rock:

Rev. T. B. Calloway Rt. 4, Box 175-B, Phenix City, Ala., Pastor.
Rev. Warren Wyatt Rt. 3, Box 435, Phenix City, Ala.

East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptists held its first quarterly meeting on November 5, 1961, with St. James Freewill Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., Opening song — "Trust And Obey". Prayer by Bro. Sanford Hale.

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

2. Corresponding letters were received from each of the churches, which were read by Bro. Duck.

A short song service, led by Bro. Holliman, was enjoyed by all.

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

4. The following committees were appointed by the moderator.

1. Business Committee: Bro. Huey Lacy — Chairman, Bro. Grice, Bro. Warr.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. Bramlett, Chairman, Sis. Cooper, Sis. Jackson.

3. Deceased Committee: Glen Lacy, Juanette Grimes and Sis. Minnie Brooks.

4. & 5 Temperance and Sabbath observance Committee: Sis. Lacy, Bro. Johnny Baxley and Bro. Oscar Wyatt.

6. Sunday School and League Committee: Sis. Peggy Hendon, Sis. Hale and Sis. Tyler.

Bro. Warren Wyatt brought the morning message Jer. 7: 8-11.

Dismissed for lunch immediately after the message.

After lunch the meeting was reopened. Singing was led by Bro. Calloway. Prayer by Sis. Hale.

7. The meeting was called to order by the President, of Woman's Aux. Sis. Gentry. Letters were received from each ladies auxiliary, read by Sis. Champion.

Sis. Gentry suggested a point plan in order to boost attendance of each aux. to the quarterly meetings.

Pres. of each aux. receiving 25 points Sec., 15 points, chairman — 10 points and each aux. member 5 points. It was also suggested that each vice president meet during the lunch hour, discussing and planning something on program for the coming period, reporting back to the business meeting after the noon hour, in order to let each aux. know what is to be done in the following period.

It was suggested that since the 2nd quarterly meeting is to be held at Unity Church, that they shall give a program.

Bro. Duck gave a very interesting and informative report on the childrens home. He asked that the churches pray for the childrens home and for him as he continues to serve as a trustee of the childrens home.

Bro. Jones suggested that we take a freewill offering for the childrens home. This was approved by the association and an offering of \$24.38 was received. A motion was made to adjourn the ladies auxiliary business meeting at this time.

Bro. Jones gave a brief devotional, Romans 12 1-3.

7. Committee reports:

1. Business Committee: We recommend that the by-laws, page 12, article 19 shall be changed to read as follows, No preacher or deacon shall be ordained just because they are Christians and live a good clean life, but they shall be ordained when they meet the qualifications set forth for bishops and deacons in I Tim. 3, Titus 1. Also ministers are to have license for a period of time perferably one year before ordination. This will be voted on at next quarterly meeting.

We recommend that Bro. E. J. Duck continue to serve on the board of trustees of the childrens home for one more year, due to Bro. Jones health. This was adopted and a letter is to be sent by the clerk to the State Association concerning this.

The Unity Church at Sylacauga did not approve the suggested cooperative program, but chose to keep their present tithing system and accepting home mission in our association as an added responsibility, as the Lord leads and supplies.

2. Finance Committee report read and adopted. Received \$10 from each church, total \$30. \$15 of this is for associational project, which is the childrens home.

3. Deceased Committee report, No deceased in either church during this quarter.

4. & 5. Sabbath observance and Temperance Committee. We the Committee recommend no strong drinks in order to always have a sober mind. We should also be loyal to our churches, attend mid-week prayer meeting and be a consecrated Christian.

6. Sunday School and League Committee, We the committee are happy to report that our Sunday Schools and Leagues are growing and that we as grown ups and adults should encourage the children to attend every Sunday and bring someone with them.

7. Miscellaneous or new business. Bro. Sanford Hale, pastor of First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika was ordained as a minister of the gospel at this time. Bro. Huey Lacy acted as spokesman for Bro. Hale. Bro. Halliman was the questionaire. Bro. Baxley gave the charge to preach the gospel to Bro. Hale. The consecration prayer by Bro. Huey Lacy.

The State Association letter was read and adopted.

A rising vote of thanks was suggested by Bro. Duck, to host church for the wonderful entertainment and fellowship. Moved to adjourn by Bro. Halliman, until the 2nd Saturday in February, 1962.

East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptists held its second quarterly meeting on Feb. 10, 1962 with Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala. Opening song, "I Would Not Be Denied". Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Gibson. Singing led by Donnie Burdeshaw.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Walter Jones.

2. Corresponding letters were received from each church, which were read by Bro. Lacy and Bro. Hale. Motion was made and carried to accept letters and seat the delegates. Song, "When I'm Alone" by Wayne Hendon.

3. Invite visiting brethren to seats; Bro. Jones gave a cordial welcome to all visitors. Bro. Riggs and DeWayne Williams visited with us from the childrens home.

4. Appointing of Committees:

1. Finance Committee: Sis. Mason Giles, Judy Knighton and Sis. Salter.

2. Business Committee: Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. Jeff Sanders and Bro. H. W. Grice.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Irma Brown, Sis. Lora Cagle and Sis. Peggy Scarbrough.

4. Temperance Committee: Bro. Salter, Wayne Hendon, Sis. H. W. Grice.

5. Sabbath observance Committee: Bro. J. W. Gilmore, Bro. Rudolph Cook and Bro. Huey Lacy.

6. Sunday School and League Committee: Sis. Carolyn Grice, Bro. Donnie Burdeshaw and Sybil Giles.

7. Morning message by Bro. Joe B. Ledlow. Bro. Ledlow read (Proverbs 23:10) the scripture and brought a few thoughts on, standing firm on the Freewill Baptist Doctrine. Prayer by Bro. Riggs. Special song by Carol Grice.

Bro. Ledlow then asked for a testimony meeting, which was most inspiring and uplifting. Bro. Ledlow then brought a wonderful message. His subject, Remove not the old landmark, but stay within the boundaries and climb the mountain a little higher for God.

Bro. Warren Wyatt dismissed for lunch and gave thanks for the food.

8. Meeting convenes after lunch, with the Ladies Auxiliary business meeting and program. Singing was led by Bro. Donnie Burdeshaw. The meeting was then called to order by the President, Sis. Gentry. Letters were received from the various auxiliaries which were read by Sis. Ludie Brooks.

Bro. Riggs, a representative from the childrens home gave a brief devotional. He read Heb. 13, his subject concerning the better things in our spritual life. He also gave an interesting and informative report on the needs of the childrens home and the progress that has been made there. The ladies auxiliary took a special offering of \$19.02 for the childrens home.

Sis. Gentry mentioned the fact that the ladies auxiliary treasure is growing and it should not be idle. She asked that Bro. Jones give some information about the different phases of the Freewill Baptist work, so that they might send offerings to the phases of their choice. Bro. Jones named these different phases of our work, Bible College, National League Board, which is a training program of the Freewill Baptist, also Sunday School Board National Headquarters Building and its great need of additional space. A motion was made and adopted to send an offering of \$15 to each phase. Sis. Gentry stressed the fact that all the ladies should study the ladies auxiliary manual, so that we might become more active in our work.

9. Call for Committee Report

1. Business Committte Report. We recommend that this association grant Bro. H. C. Killen a letter of good standing at his request.

We also recommend the change in by law 19 to be read as, No preacher shall be ordained for preferably one year, after receiving their license, or at which time he shall be called to pastor a church.

These recommendations were adopted by the association.

2. Finance Committee Report.

Received \$10 from each church — Total \$30. \$15.00 for minutes and \$15 for childrens home.

3. Deceased Committee Report.

St. James Freewill Baptist Church — Sis. Mary Annie Howard, born January 5, 1878. Died November 15, 1961. Bro. Joseph Cecil Hicks, born March 14, 1903. Died January 15, 1962. No deaths reported from Unity or Opelika Church.

4. Sabbath olservance Committee Report.

The Sabbath is a day of rest and set aside to worship our Lord and Saviour. Our week days should be worshipfully also, but on the Sabbath we should assemble ourselves together for worship through singing and prayer.

5. Temperance Committee Report.

We the temperance committee recommend that we as Freewill Baptist refrain from all alcoholic beverages, profanity and control our temper at all times. Have patience with all our work and preserve our souls unto the coming of our Lord.

6. Sunday School and League Committee Report.

We urge everyone to remember and please attend the Sunday School and League convention to be held at the First F. W. B. Church in Opelika, Ala., on the second Saturday in April 1962. Bro. Ray Turnage, director or the National League board will be guest speaker and we feel sure he will give some helpful information concerning our Sunday Schools and Leagues, especially our State Convention which will be held in Dothan, Alabama in June. We would like for our district to be well represented.

8. Miscellaneous or New Business.

We as Freewill Baptist reaffirm our belief in Congregational Church government (that form of church government whereby the local church is allowed to settle its own internal affairs and the only recourse a district conference or association has is to withdraw fellowship). We recommend that our churches order their Sunday School and League literature from the National Sunday School and League Board, Nashville, Tenn. This was adopted by our association.

A motion was made by Bro. Elvie Warr to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful way they entertained the association.

Bro. Halliman made a motion to adjourn. The association was then dismissed until the 2nd Saturday in May, 1962. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator. Mrs. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

May 6, 1962

Organization of White Rock Freewill Baptist Church

Opening song — "Amazing Grace". Prayer — Bro. Dean. Song — "How Firm A Foundation". Prayer — Bro. Allen.

Rev. Odell Harris, Pastor of First Freewill Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga., brought the message, reading scriptures from 1 Kings 8:22, Acts 2:47. His text was "The Purpose of A House of God," which brought out 3 main points.

1. Recognition of believers — each charter member was asked to strength to Christians.

2. Outreach of the Gospel — spreading the Gospel in order to save lost souls in this community and to uplift the Christian.

3. Spreading the Gospel of the Lord through National and Home mission. Bro. Jones served as moderator during the organization of the church.

1. Recognition of believers — each charter member was asked to assemble standing around the altar.

2. Presentation of the Bible to each member — Bro. Jones asked each member to lay their hand on the Bible and asked individually if

he would accept the Bible as the foundation of their life and church. 14 members took this oath.

3. Bro. Jones then read the church covenant.

4. Each member knelt around the altar and Bro. Dowdney lead the prayer of consecration.

5. The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the members from the executive board and ordination council of the East Ala., Association of Freewill Baptist. The White Rock F. W. B. Church was sponsored by the First Freewill Baptist of Opelika.

Rev. Sanford Hale of the Opelika Church acted as Moderator for the election of officers of White Rock Church.

Pastor Bro. T. B. Calloway, Rt. 4 Box 175 B P. C., Ala. Deacons Bro. Carlton Killingsworth, Bro. Idas Killingsworth, Bro. Paul Dean. Clerk and Treasurer Sis. Nadine Dean Rt. 4 Box 404 Phenix City, Ala.

Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. Paul Dean. League Director, Bro. Carlton Killingsworth. Bro. Calloway gave a brief report on the organization and progress of the White Rock Mission. Bro. Jones read the articles of faith from associational minutes. Dismissed by Bro. Warren Wyatt.

East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist held its 3rd quarterly meeting May 12, 1962 with First F. W. B. Church of Opelika, Alabama. Opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Prayer by Rev. Joe B. Ledlow. Bro. Calloway then led congregational singing.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Walter E. Jones.

2. Corresponding letters were received from each church, read by Bro. Duck and adopted by the association.

3. Bro. Jones gave a welcome to all visitors. Bro. and Sis. Byrd from St. Mark F. W. B. Church of Phenix City, Alabama and Bro. and Sis. Shirah from St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama were the visitors.

4. Appointing of Committees:

1. Business Committee: Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Bro. Charles Allen, Bro. Jeffcoat, Bro. Mason Giles and Bro. William Fuller.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. Marvin Patillo, Sis. Flora Jackson and Sis. Ocie Mae Jackson.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Minnie Brooks, Sis. Mason Giles and Sis. Judy Knighton.

4. Temperance Committee: Bro. Huey Lacy, Sis. Jeffcoat and Juanette Grimes.

5. Sabbath observance Committee: Sis. Ruby Patillo, Sis. Pearl Watson and Sis. Kathleen Champion.

6. Sunday School and League Committee: Sybil Giles, Barbara Franklin and Bro. Oscar Wyatt. Bro. G. T. Halliman led a short song service.

5. Morning message was brought by Bro. Huey Lacy, reading scripture from the 2nd chapter of Hebrews. His subject was, "How should we escape if we neglect so great a salvation".

The minutes of the organization of White Rock Freewill Baptist Church were read. A petitionary letter was received from them. The letter was read and a motion was made and carried to receive them

into our association. Right hand of church fellowship was given to those members present from White Rock Church.

Bro. E. J. Duck gave a brief report on the progress of our childrens home in Eldridge, Alabama. A special offering was received for the home, \$21.26.

Bro. Ledlow gave a brief talk and some information concerning the White Rock Church and their opportunity to purchase a church building at \$500.00 down and \$75 monthly. He also made a suggestion that the association help raise \$200.00 to help purchase the building. White Rock church had \$300.00 in their building fund. The body was dismissed for lunch.

Meeting convened after lunch with singing and Prayer by Sis. Byrd.

6. Ladies Auxiliary then proceeded with their program and business meeting. In the absence of the President, Sis. Giles was chosen to preside as president. Minutes were read and adopted. Letters were received from each auxiliary and read by Bro. Jones. The letters were approved as read.

Program was presented by Unity F. W. Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama. This program brought a challenge to the women of our churches to do greater work for God. A motion was made and carried to give \$10 to White Rock Church, from the mission fund to help on their new church.

Bro. Jones gave a brief devotional reading scripture from Philipians 2: 1-8.

7. Call for Committee Reports.

1. Business Committee Report — We the business committee recommend that the association give \$50.00 from our mission fund and that each pastor bring it up in their church to give \$50.00 to help make the down payment on the White Rock Church. A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

2. Temperance Committee Report — We the temperance committee recommend that we control our temper at all times. In all our work, have patience. Abstain from alcoholic drinks and qualify for leaders in our Sunday Schools and Leagues. This report was adopted.

3. Deceased Committee — Unity — None — First Freewill — None St. James Church, Sis. Anna M. Tyler, Date of death April 26, 1962.

In view of this one whom God in His Providence saw fit to call from this world of sorrow have said, For me to live is Christ, to die is gain, Phil 1:21. We feel that this is true of this dear one. She is gone, but not forgotten, death is over and life is won. She will rise with Christ forever and soon we will be with her above. A motion was made and carried to accept this report.

4. Sabbath observance come report. God created the earth in six days and on the seventh day he rested. Let us remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. All Christians should be in Sunday School and Church on Sunday and urge others to attend. This report was adopted.

5. Sunday School & League Com. report. We the youth com. recommend that each church hold a youth revival, conducted by our youth. We should work to create more interest in our Sunday School and League Convention. We recommend that we work and pray that we will have a state youth camp ground in the future, so that all

the Freewill Baptist youth can come together and have a chance to speak. The State Sunday School and League Convention will meet in June at Dothan, Ala. We recommend that the moderator accept volunteer delegates. This report was adopted.

Finance Com. report. Received \$10 from each church, total \$40. \$20 for children home, \$20 for associational fee. \$12 from St. James Church for Mission Treasurer, \$21.26 special offering for Children Home. Total \$73.26.

Miscellaneous or new business.

A motion was made and carried to give the clerk power to order Associational letter forms for the White Rock Church.

The ordination council recommends that Bro. T. B. Calloway be licensed to preach the Gospel, also recommend that Bro. Paul Dean and Bro. Carlton Killingsworth be ordained as deacons. Bro. Ledlow gave the charge to the deacons and Bro. Calloway led the prayer of consecration, Bro. Calloway was licensed to preach the Gospel. A report was given on the Youth Camp to be held during the week of July 23. The ministers of each church had been to Sylacauga, Ala. to look over the site where our camp is to be held. They approved it healthy. This site is located on the Coosa River.

Bro. Jones made a motion for a rising vote of thanks to host church for the wonderful way in which they entertained the association. Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Joe B. Ledlow, to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed by Bro. Warren Wyatt.

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

The fifth annual association meeting of Freewill Baptist was held on Aug. 14, 1962 at Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala. Opening song "I am Thine O Lord." Prayer by Bro. William Fuller.

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

Call for corresponding letters. Letters were received from each church and read by Bro. Duck and adopted by the association.

Welcome to visitors was given by Bro. Jones. We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Atkinson and Bro. S. D. Calloway visiting with us.

Appointing of Committees:

Business Com. Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. R. R. Pratt, Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Bro. Warren Wyatt and Bro. Johnny Earl Faust.

Finance Com. Bro. Oscar Wyatt, Bro. Preston Franklin, Bro. Glenn Lacy.

Deceased Com. - Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Bro. Johnny Homes and Shirley Nolan.

Sabbath observance Com. - Bro. R. L. Cook, D. G. Henry and R. E. Sheely.

Temperance Com. - Bro. Mason Giles, Stanley Warr and Wayne Sheely.

Sunday School & League & Youth Camp Com. - Bro. Lacy, Sis. Watson, Connie Grimes, Sybil Giles and Barbara Franklin.

Bro. Calloway led the congregation in singing several songs. Special singing by the Calloway family. The Hendons, also sang a special.

Prayer by Bro. Harris

The morning message was brought by Rev. William Atkinson of Winfield, Ala. The message was very inspiring. A love offering was taken for Bro. Atkinson, \$20.60.

Bro. Ledlow gave a special welcome to each one and invited each one to stay for lunch.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. S. D. Calloway.

Meeting convenes after lunch. The ladies Auxiliary business meeting was held at this time. Opening song, "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Sis. Lacy. Bro. Atkinson led the congregational singing. The meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Walter Gentry. Letters were received from each auxiliary and read by a delegate of each Aux. Sis. Atkinson, State President of the Auxiliary, gave an interesting talk on Aux. work. She read Acts 16 pointing out that women do have a part in God's work. It was also stated the delegates to the State Aux. meeting should be chosen and the letter and fee to the State meeting should be sent in advance.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Sis. Gentry suggested that each pastor and his wife and each church send 2 delegates to a meeting at a suggested time and place for discussion on Aux. work. It was decided to meet Sept. 1, 1962 at Opelika, Ala. for workshop for the Aux. Bro. Jones was chosen to teach the workshop.

Election of Officers - Pres. Sis. Hale, Vice Pres. Sis. Gentry, Secretary & Treasurer, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Assistant Sec. & Treas., Sis. Giles.

Singing led by Bro. T. B. Calloway. Scripture reading Psalm 25:1-5 by Bro. Jones. Prayer by Bro. Wyatt.

Call for committee reports.

Business Committee - We the business committee recommend that a committee of four, one from each church to investigate time and place for the next year for our Youth Camp and the Committee be paid, from the Youth Camp Treasurer, expense. for their effort. Bro. Ledlow gave a brief report on the Youth Camp held in July. The amount in the Youth Camp Treasure is \$60.92. This item was adopted by the body and was decided that the pastor from each church shall serve on this committee.

We also recommend that the scripture reference be added to the articles of faith in the printing of the next minutes - adopted. We also recommend that all church clerks close books on the same date. Annual report July 1 to June 30.

1st Quarterly report July 1 to September 30. 2nd Quarterly report Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. 3rd Quarterly report Jan. 1 to March 31. 4th Quarterly report April. 1 to June 30 adopted. We also recommend that each church enclose with their letter a list of ministers and deacons to received certificates of standing and that each church have 6 delegates for the first 100 members and one delegate for each 50 added members. adopted. We also recommend that any candidate for license or ordination will not be licensed or ordained at the same session he is presented. rejected. We also recommend that a roll call of standing delegates be called as the letters are read. adopted.

Finance Committee - Received \$15.00 from each church. Total \$60.00 - \$20.00 of this to be sent to the Children's Home and \$40.00

to remain in treasure for Associational fees. Received from St. James Church \$12.00 for mission treasure. Received from Rev. W. Atkinson \$2.50, his tithes of the love offering received for him. Adopted.

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

Grannie Long	Unity Freewill Baptist Church
Johnnie Thomas Jones	Unity Freewill Baptist Church
Born Mar. 10, 1910 - Died June 20, 1962	
Sis. Mary Annie Howard	St. James Church
Born Jan. 5, 1878 - Died Nov. 15, 1961	
Bro. Joseph Cecil Hicks	St. James Church
Born Mar. 14, 1903 - Died Jan. 15, 1962	
Sis. Anna Marie Tyler	St. James Church
Born July 10, 1885 - Died April 27, 1962	
Bro. Walter Lewis Hall	St. James Church
Born Aug. 14, 1882 - Died Aug. 5, 1962	

In view of these whom God, in His Devine Providence saw fit to call from this world of sorrow.

"Goodby, till morning come again,"

We part, if part we must, with pain,
But night is short, and hope is sweet
Faith fills our hearts, and wings our feet;
And so we sing the old refrain,

"Goodby, till morning Come Again."

"Goodby, till morning come again,"

The thought of death brings weight of pain.

But could we know how short the night

That falls, and hides them from our sight,

Our hearts would sing the old refrain,

"Goodby, till morning come again."

Sabbath Observance Committee report. We recommend that all Christians in all our churches promote the observance of the Sabbath in their homes as well as in their churches. This is in keeping with God's word directing us to "Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy."

We as Christians should rededicate ourselves to worship, and the service of God.

Temperance Committee - We recommend that temperance in all walks of life be taught in our home, in classrooms, at church. We believe that we should refrain from all ugly jokes and strong drinks. Parents should be mindful of the literature they read.

Sunday School, League and Youth Committee. We recommend that each church order their literature from the National Freewill Baptist Sunday School & League Board, 3801 - Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn. We also recommend that the church give the program where the Sunday School and League Convention is held. We recommend that all four churches go together and lease four or five acres of land near the back waters to build our own Freewill Baptist Youth Camp. We feel like we could build more on to it, or improve it as the years go by. We feel that the camp was a blessing to each child and adult. The association agreed to look into this matter and see what possibilities we might have. It was suggested that Bro. Jones and Bro. Ledlow send letters from the Association to Avondale Mills of Sylacauga thanking

them for the use of their land and building for our youth camp. Also other people taking part in the camp.

Miscellaneous or New Business - Bro. Duck gave a brief report on the progress of the children home. Bro. Duck is trustee for the home from the East Ala. Association. The ordination council recommend that Bro. T. B. Calloway and Bro. Huey Lacy be ordained as ministers and Bro. Oscar Wyatt as deacon. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow read the Scripture and the prayer of consecration was led by Bro. E. J. Duck. They were then received, in our association, as ministers and Deacon by the giving of right hand of Christian fellowship.

The 1st Quarterly meeting is to be held the 1st Saturday in Nov. at White Rock F.W.B. Church, Phenix City, Ala. 2nd quarterly meeting, Unity Church, Sylacauga, 2nd Saturday in Feb. 1963. 3rd quarterly meeting, 1st church of Opelika, 2nd Sat. in May 1963. 6th Annual Association, 2nd Sat. in Aug., 1962 at St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala. Sunday School and League Convention, 2nd Sat. in April, St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala.

Election of officers, Bro. Jones, Moderator and Bro. E. J. Duck Assistant Moderator, Mrs. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk & Treasurer, Mrs. Warren Wyatt, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer.

Executive Committee, Bro. R. L. Cook, Bro. Warren Wyatt, Bro. T. B. Calloway.

Ordination Council, Rev. Archie Harris, Bro. T. B. Calloway, Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. Warren Wyatt, Bro. E. J. Duck.

The Youth Camp treasurer was given to the clerk to be put in the bank in a new account for the youth camp.

Bro. Elvie Warr suggested a rising vote of thanks to host church for the wonderful way in which they entertained the Association.

Bro. Wyatt made a motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Calloway.

Rev. Walter Jones, Moderator

Mrs. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk

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 dealings 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 of whispering without being subject to be called 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 delegate to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seat 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 meeting 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 member 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 for preferably one year, after receiving their license, or at which time he shall be called to pastor a church.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Holy 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 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

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. Deut. 6:4, 1 Cor. 8:4, Jer. 10:10, Jn. 7:28, 2 Cor. 1:19, 1 Tim. 6:17.

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. Isa. 45:21, Jn. 4:42, Rev. 22:13, 1 Jn. 5:20, 1 Tim. 3:16.

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. Jn. 16:13, 1 Cor. 2:11, Acts 13:2, Jn. 16:8.

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.

Psa. 19:1-2, Psa. 145:10, Acts 17:28, Psa. 22-28.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but 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. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psa. 5:15; Jn. 6:44.

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. 2 Col. 2:8-10, Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13; Isa. 9:6.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin 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. Rom. 10:10, Acts 16:31, Jr. 3:36, 2 Cor. 7-10, Pro. 28:13, Psa. 51:3, Acts 17:30, Heb. 11-1-6. Rev. 2:10, Jn. 15:9.

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. Rom. 9:11, Rom. 11:5-7-28.

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. Rev. 22-17, Jn. 11:12.

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. 2 Cor. 13:14, Matt. 11:28, Isa. 45:22, Rev. 22:17, 1 Tim. 2:4.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. Acts 3:19, 1 Thes. 5:23, Gal. 2:20, 1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Chron. 15:2, Ezek. 33:18.

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. Matt. 28:19, Col. 2:12, Acts 8:36-39, Matt. 3:16, M. 1:5, Rom. 6:4 Matt. 26:26-28, 1 Cor. 10:16-21, John 13:1-17.

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. Gen. 2:3, Mk. 2:27, Ex. 20:8-11, Neh. 9:14, Lk. 24:1-6

16. Resurrection. Judgement 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." Eccl. 12:7, Phil. 1:23, Lk. 23:43, Matt. 17:3, Matt. 10:28, Acts 1:11, Matt. 28:6, Jn. 5:28, 29. Acts 24:15, I Cor. 15:22, Acts 17:31, 1 Cor. 15-24, 2 Cor. 5-10, Eccl. 12-14, Matt. 12-36, Rev. 20-12, Rom. 2-16, Matt. 25-46, 2 Thess 1:8-10, Rom. 2-23, 2 Pet. 1-11, Mk. 3-29, Matt. 13:41-43, Rom. 2:6-10.

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-Treasurer—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 chorist 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 selfdenial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, 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 School, 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.
