

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
EAST ALABAMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
ST. JAMES FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA
SECOND SATURDAY IN
AUGUST, 1963

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter E. Jones Moderator
2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Bro. E. J. Duck Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Juanita Wyatt Clerk and Treasurer
An Assistant Clerk may be appointed by the Clerk in case
she can't be present.

The Seventh Annual Session will be held with First Free Will
Baptist Church on the Second Saturday in August, 1964,
Opelika, Ala.

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 1963-1964

First Quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association will be held on November 2, 1963, at St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala.

Alabama State Association meets on November 7-8-9, 1963 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Ala.

State Youth Rally to be held at Free Will Baptist Church in Northport, Ala. on the last Saturday of December 28, 1963.

Second Quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association will be held on the Second Saturday of February 1964 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

East Alabama District Sunday School and League Convention to be held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala., on the Second Saturday of April 1964.

Third Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church Phenix City, Ala., on Second Saturday of May 1964.

State Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School, and League Convention to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Second Sunday of June 1964, Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church, in Red Bay, Ala.

Seventh Annual Session of the East Alabama Association will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Opelika, Ala., on the Second Saturday of August 1964, speaker will be _____.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. E. J. Duck, Rev. Archie Harris, Chairman, Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Walter E. Jones.

THE ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Chairman, Rev. Walter E. Jones, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Archie Harris, Rev. T. B. Calloway.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ST. JAMES:

Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala., Pastor,
Phone 298-7954

Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala.

UNITY:

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 804 West Pine Street, Sylacauga, Ala., Pastor
Rev. Donald H. Grice, Route #1, Sylacauga, Ala.

WHITE ROCK:

Rev. T. B. Calloway, Route #4 Box 65B, Phenix City, Ala., Pastor.
Rev. Warren Wyatt, Route #3 Box 435, Phenix City, Ala.

FIRST CHURCH OF OPELIKA:

Rev. Archie L. Harris, Pastor, 1602 4th Ave., Opelika, Ala.
Rev. Sanford Hale, 104 17th Place, Opelika, Ala.
Rev. Huey Lacy, 1914 2nd Ave., Opelika, Ala.

East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist held its first quarterly meeting of the 1963 associational year at White Rock Freewill Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama on November 3, 1962. Opening song, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes". Prayer by Bro. E. J. Duck. Bro. Calloway led the congregation in singing.

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

2. Corresponding letters were received from each church. The letters were read by Bro. E. J. Duck, assistant moderator, and adopted by the body.

3. Bro. Jones gave a hearty welcome to all visitors. Bro. Cobb and Bro. Smith were among the visitors.

Bro. Charles Allen led the congregation in singing.

4. Appointing of Committees.

1. Business Committee, Rev. T. B. Calloway, Chairman. Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. Huey Lacy, Bro. H. E. Palmore and Rev. Archie Harris.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. Warren Wyatt, Chairman. Bro. Barnett and Bro. Charles Allen.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Judy Knighton, Chairman. Sis. Minnie Brooks and Sis. Lora Cagle.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee: Bro. Bobby Salter, Chairman. Sis. Flora Jackson, Sis. Marie Murphy.

5. Temperance Committee: Sis. Mae Lacy, Chairman. Bro. Ward and Sis. Johnnie Holmes.

6. Sunday School and League and Youth Camp Committee: Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Sis. Dorothy Murphy and Sis. Essie Palmore, Bro. Killingsworth led congregational singing.

5. Morning message was then given by Rev. Joe B. Ledlow. His subject was "Laying up Treasure". Lay up your treasure in Heaven, for where your treasure is, there is your heart also. Jer. 32: 1-15. Invest your time, prayers, tears and money in God's work, winning souls for God's Kingdom. Invest in yourself, lay your all on the altar, give our lives for God for our soul shall live on forever. Bro. Ledlow gave an invitation for rededication of our lives to God's work. He also gave an opportunity for testimony, which was very uplifting.

A special offering was received for the children's home (\$28.58).

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Carlton Killingsworth.

6. After lunch the Ladies Auxiliary held their business meeting. Letters were received from each auxiliary, read and adopted. Bro. Jones read the scripture, Phil. 2: 1-5.

7. Call for committee reports.

1. Business Committee report - No report.

2. Finance Committee report \$10 received from each church total \$40. This is for associational fee of \$5 from each church and \$5 from each for associational project. Also received \$12 from St. James Church for mission fund. Offering received for childrens home \$28.58. This report was accepted by the body.

3. Deceased Committee report. Bro. G. W. Favors of St. James Freewill Baptist Church.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee report. We the Sabbath observance committee wish to remind each of us to attend church and Sunday School regularly and be loyal to our church at all times.

5. Temperance Committee report. We recommend that we be temperant in all things.

6. Sunday School, League and Youth Camp Committee report. We recommend that our teachers have more training and that we spend more time giving encouragement to our young people.

8. Miscellaneous or new business.

The business committee is reminded of their duties, to pray over any item before it is brought before the body in order to keep the body in full harmony.

Bro. Duck gave a brief report on the childrens home. Each trustee was asked to raise \$100 for the home. Each church of the association offered \$25 for this project.

The ordination council recommends that Bro. Warren Wyatt be ordained as Minister of the Gospel. The charge was given him during the council meeting. Prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Archie Harris. Bro. and Sis. Wyatt was given right hand of Christian fellowship by the association.

The clerk was given power to order ordination certificates for all ordained men.

Bro. Duck called for a rising vote of thanks to host church.

A motion was made by Bro. Bramlett to adjourn until the 2nd Saturday in February 1963. Dismissed by Bro. Huey Lacy. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

East Alabama Freewill Baptist Association held its 2nd quarterly meeting on February 9, 1963 at Sylacauga with Unity Freewill Baptist Church. Opening song, "Wonderful Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Sanford Hale. Special singing by the Calloway family.

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

2. Corresponding letters were received from each church. Bro. Duck read the letters which were adopted by the body.

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

4. Appointing Committees.

1. Business Committee: Bro. Grice, Chairman. Bro. Bramlett, Bro. Ward, Bro. Lacy and Bro. Ledlow.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. Barnett, Chairman. Bro. Glenn Lacy, Sis. Calloway.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Franklin, Elaine Davis and Sis. Jackson.

4. Temperance Committee: Bro. Hale William Fuller and Bro. Killingsworth.

5. Sabbath Observance Committee: Bro. Warren Wyatt, Bro. Palmore and Mike Harris.

6. Sunday School, League and Youth Camp Committee: Bro. Duck, Juanette Grimes and Sis. Shelly.

The Calloway family sang a special song after which the congregation sang two numbers.

5. The Morning message was brought by Bro. Ed Ledlow. Dismissed for lunch.

6. Ladies auxiliary business meeting was held at this time. Letters were received from each auxiliary which were read and adopted.

The Ladies Auxiliary agreed to take a special offering for the children's home. Received \$8.00.

8. Call for Committee Reports.

1. Business Committee report: The business committee recommends that we appoint or elect a Secretary and Treasurer for the East Ala.

District Mission Fund. Bro. Hale was nominated and elected. Each pastor is to serve on this board.

2. Finance Committee report. Received \$52.00 total. \$5 from each church for associational fee. \$5 for associational projects and \$12 from St. James Church for mission fund.

3. Deceased Committee report. We are happy to report that there have been no deaths in any of our churches during this quarter.

4. Temperance Committee report: Temperance is moderation in all things conducive to health. Prov. 3:2. For length of days and long life shall they add to thee.

5. Sabbath Observance Committee report. We recommend that the association endorse the Sunday laws of closing all business establishments on the Sabbath. Also that we keep the Sabbath Holy and use it for the Lord's work.

A motion was made to adjourn until the 2nd Saturday in May. Dismissed in prayer. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

The 3rd quarterly meeting of the East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist was held on May 11, 1963 at First Freewill Church of Opelika. Opening song, "Standing On The Promises". Prayer by Bro. Jones.

1. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Walter Jones. A motion was made and seconded that Judy Knighton act as clerk in the absence of the clerk and assistant clerk.

2. Corresponding letters were received, and read by Bro. Elvie Warr. A motion was made to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

3. Welcome was given to all visitors by Bro. Jones.

4. Appointment of Committees by the Moderator.

1. Business Committee: Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. Wayne Bradshaw, Bro. Archie Dean Harris, Bro. Huey Lacy.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. Mason Giles, Bro. Ward, Bro. J. N. Bramlett.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Brooks, Sis. Calloway, Sis. Sybil Giles.

4. Temperance Committee and Sabbath observance, Bro. Sanford Hale, Bro. J. A. Richburg, Bro. Charlie Barnett.

5. Sunday School and League Committee: Mike Harris, Bro. Calloway, Bro. Brown. Bro. Calloway led in a short song service. Prayer led by Bro. Joe Ledlow. Morning message was given by Bro. Lacy. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Grice. Meeting convened after lunch with a song "Showers of Blessings".

6. Ladies Auxiliary Program and Business Session.

7. Call for Committee reports.

1. Business Committee report: We the business committee recommend that \$20.00 associational project be sent to Bro. Duck for payment on luggage for Diane Clegg, who will enter Free Will Baptist College in the fall and that all over that be given for clothing for her.

2. Finance Committee report: Received from each church \$5.00 for associational fee, total \$20.00. For associational project \$5.00 from each church, total \$20.00. \$25.00 given to Bro. Hale for district mission fund from First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika.

3. Deceased report: No deceased in either church.

4. Temperance and Sabbath observance committee. We the temperance committee recommend that we be temperant in all phases of our work as well as our walk. Let your moderation be known to all men. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy.

5. Sunday School and League report: We recommend that all churches get together and have a youth revival in the summer. The Saturday following the revival have a picnic. This was voted down because of the distance involved.

A rising vote of thanks was given to host church for the wonderful meal and fellowship that was shown at this meeting.

A move was made to write to Bro. Willis to come and bring the message at the next meeting. A move was made to adjourn until the second Saturday in August. Dismissed by Rev. Walter Jones. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator. Dorothy Hendon, Clerk.

East Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist held its 6th annual associational meeting on August 10, 1963 at St. James Freewill Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama.

Opening song, "Standing On The Promises". Prayer, Rev. A. T. Byrd. Bro. Calloway led a short song service.

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

2. Letters were received from each church in our association. Bro. Duck, assistant Moderator, read the letters. Bro. Ware made motion to adopt the letters and seat the delegates.

3. Bro. Jones gave welcome to all visitors. We are happy to have Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. Raymond Ledlow and Rev. Mark Vandivort among our visitors.

4. Appointing Committees.

1. Business Committee: Bro. Joe Ledlow Chairman, Bro. James R. Osborne, Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. Huey Lacy and Bro. H. W. Grice.

2. Finance Committee: Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Bro. Giles and Bro. Ida Killingsworth.

3. Deceased Committee: Sis. Harris, Sis. Susie Tyler and Sis. Mary Osborne.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee: Bro. Sanford Hale, Bro. H. T. Shiver and Bro. Warren Wyatt.

5. Temperance Committee: Bro. E. J. Duck, Sis. Flora Jackson and Sis. Simmons.

6. Sunday School and League Committee: Sis. Garrett, Bro. J. C. Grimes and Sis. Minnie Brooks.

5. Morning message was brought by Rev. Mark Vandivort, field secretary of the National Home Mission Board. His subject: "The Desire of Your Heart", Romans 10: 1-4.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Huey Lacy. Bro. Sanford Hale gave thanks for the food. Meeting convenes at 1:30 p.m. with singing.

Prayer by Sis. Calloway.

6. Ladies Auxiliary business meeting. Letters were received from each auxiliary, read and adopted. Bro. Vandivort gave a talk on home mission, giving information on the home mission program. Election of officers for the coming year. President Sis. Sanford Hale. Vice Presi-

dent Sis. Irene Johnson. Secretary and Treasurer Sis. Juanita Wyatt. Special offering received for home mission \$15.74. Bro. Duck gave a brief report on the children's home. Scripture reading by Bro. Jones Phil. 2: 1-8. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

7. Committee reports.

1. Business Committee: No report.

2. Finance Committee report: We the finance Committee accepted from each church \$15. Total \$60. \$40 of this is for associational fee and \$20 for associational project.

3. Deceased Committee report: White Rock Church - No deceased. Opelika Church - No deceased. Unity Church - No deceased. St. James Church - 2 deceased. Bro. Walter Lewis Hall - born, Aug. 14, 1882, Died Aug 5, 1962. Bro. George W. Favors - born Aug. 16, 1875, Died Sept. 22, 1962.

"They are gone but not forgotten,
Death is over and life is won.
They rest with Christ forever,
And soon we will be with them above."

4. Sabbath Observance Committee report: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt do no work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. We endorse this 3rd Commandment.

5. Temperance Committee report: We the temperance Committee: believe in being sober minded at all times, seeking more dilligently the will of God, and having the faith to do what the Holy Spirit bids us do.

6. Sunday School and League Committee report: We are happy to report that our Sunday Schools are good. We are praying that it will grow, also our leagues are growing, but we desire it to increase more. We hope to be able to send missionaries to foreign lands, as our hearts are burning for lost souls. Pray for us that God's will be done.

Bro. Sanford Hale gave a brief report on the district mission. In treasure \$207.21. Bro. Hale reported that the First Freewill Baptist Church of Opelika is sponsoring a mission located in Auburn, Ala.

Bro. Grice made a motion to adopt this report and give full support from our association.

8. New Business.

State Association meets with Unity Freewill Baptist Church, at Sylacauga, Alabama. The meeting to be held in the National Guard Armory. It is suggested that each church help with the expense of this meeting. St. James offered \$75 on this.

Move made and adopted that each church send \$10 to Bro. Duck for the children's home. Bro. Duck is a trustee of the children's home.

9. Election of Officers.

Moderator, Rev. Walter Jones. Assistant Moderator, Bro. E. J. Duck. Clerk and Treasurer, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Assistant Clerk, Sis.

Dorothy Hendon. Executive Committee: Bro. Archie Harris, Chairman. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow and Bro. E. J. Duck and the Moderator.

Ordination Council: Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Joe Ledlow, Rev. T. B. Calloway, Rev. Archie Harris and Rev. Huey Lacy. Recommendation for board of trustees for children's home, from our association, Bro. E. J. Duck.

Mission fund treasurer: Bro. Sanford Hale. Pastors from each church and Bro. Hale serve as district mission board and are to use money as they see fit.

The Moderator was given power to appoint delegates to the State Association. Bro. Hale suggested that the delegates to this meeting challenge our home mission board to the fact of our open field in this area. Bro. Harris offered a tent for the use in this mission work.

Bro. Duck asked for a rising vote of thanks to host church.

Moved to adjourn until 1st Saturday in November, 1963. Dismissed by Bro. Elvie Warr. Moderator, Rev. Walter E. Jones. Clerk, Sis. Dorothy Hendon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

East Alabama Sunday School and League Convention was held on the Second Saturday of April, 1963 at St. James Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Stanley Ledlow. First item of business was to elect a Secretary and Treasurer, because Brenda Calloway who was the Secretary and Treasurer called Rev. Walter Jones and told him she wanted to resign the duties of Sec. & Treasurer. And that she wouldn't be able to be there. So the convention elected Barbara Franklin to the office of Secretary and Treasure of the Sunday School and League Convention.

Rev. Roger Reeds, of the National Sunday School Department of Free Will Baptist, in Nashville, Tennessee, brought the morning message. He spoke on the "Seven Characteristics of How to have a Growing Sunday School". The message was enjoyed by everyone. After the message we ajourned for lunch served by St. James Free Will Baptist Church, host church.

After lunch we returned to the Auditorium for further business. Afterwhich we heard a Cuban Refugee who was converted while in Castro's Prison. He was not long converted before our Missionaries had to leave Cuba. This Cuban felt the Lord had called him into the ministry. He was arrested in the invasion of the Bay of Pigs and put in Castro's Prison. Castro asked him if he didn't teach the Bible to be the Love of God. He said yes. Castro said what are you doing with a rifle? The Cuban minister replied that the Bible also taught him to defend that Love.

This Cuban Refugee was led to the Lord by this minister who had to take his chances of witnessing to a few of these Cubans at a time. About fifty of the four hundred that went through this jail, he led to Christ.

Then there was the election of officers. Then the adjournment was made.

Unity Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Pastor 804 West Pine Street, Sylacauga, Ala. * * * * * Gwynette Barnett - Clerk Route 1 - Box #235-E, Sylacauga, Ala.	93	Total Membership
St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor 2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867 * * * * * Mrs. Peggy Warr, Clerk 4327 Yates Drive, Columbus, Ga.	277	Received by Letter
White Rock Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. T. B. Calloway, Pastor Rt. #4, Box 175-B, Phenix City, Ala. 36867 * * * * * Mrs. Dorothy Murphy - Clerk 4001 - 15th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.	60	Received by Baptism
First Church of Opelika, Ala. Rev. Archie Harris, Pastor 1602 - 16th Ave., Opelika, Ala. * * * * * Mr. Horris C. Jackson, Clerk Route #4, Box 160-C, Opelika, Ala.	15	Received by Statement
	15	Dismissed by Letter
	0	Expelled
	5	Deceased
	0	Paid Pastor
	0	Paid Evangelist
	1	Building & Repair
	2	Literature & Publications
	2	All other local causes
	2	Children's Home
	2	Foreign Missions
	2	Nat'l. Home Missions
	2	F. W. B. College - Nashville
	2	Execu. Dept. of Nat'l Assn.
	2	State & District Missions
	2	Superannuation
	2	League Board
	2	Qtr'ly. or Annual Assn. Fees
	2	Youth Camp
	2	On Headquarters Bldg.
	2	Associational Projects
	2	All other Outside Causes
	2	Value of Church Property
	2	Value of Parsonage

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 are 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 in to 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 delegates 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. Psalms 19:1-2, Psalm 145:10, Acts 17:28, Psalm 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; Psalm 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 the 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, Jn. 3:36, 2 Cor. 7:10, Pro. 28:13, Psalm 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, 1 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 Shhools 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 sucessor 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 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 the 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.
