

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
EAST ALABAMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
WHITE ROCK FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA
SECOND SATURDAY IN
AUGUST, 1965

OFFICERS

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can't be present.

The Ninth Annual Session will be held with First Free
Will Baptist Church in Luverne, Ala. on the Second Saturday in
August 1966.

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 seat.
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.

Order of Business of Woman's Auxiliary Convention

1. Call to order by President.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Have letters read and adopted and seat the delegates.
4. Have reading of previous meeting.
5. Old business.
6. New business.
7. Program by host Church.
8. Election of officers at the yearly association.
9. Dismissal by prayer.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1965-1966

First Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held November 6, 1965 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Alabama State Association meets November 11-12-13, 1965 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama.

State Youth Rally to be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Northport, Alabama on

Second Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held at St. James Free Will Baptist, Phenix City, Alabama, on February 12, 1966.

East Alabama District Sunday School and Church Training Service Convention to be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama, on April 9, 1966.

Third Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association to be held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church on May 14, 1966.

State Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School, and Church Training Service Convention to be held June 9-10-11, 1966 at St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama.

Ninth Annual Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Luverne, Alabama, on August 13, 1966.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Pastor of each Church and one Deacon will serve on the Executive Committee: Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman. Elvie Warr - Rev. Huey Lacy, Charles Allen - Rev. Warren Wyatt, J. L. Edwards - Rev. Ray Ritch, Walter Gentry - Rev. E. B. Ledlow - Rev. A. T. Byrd, H. T. Shiver.

THE ORDINATION COUNCIL

The Pastor of each Church and Rev. Sanford Hale as Chairman.

THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

St. James - Rev. Walter Jones, Pastor, 2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Alabama 36867 Phone 298-7954

Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1610 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Bethel - Rev. A. T. Byrd, Pastor, 1323 14th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867 Phone 298-7366

White Rock - Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor, Rt. #3 Box #435, Phenix City, Ala. 36867 Phone 298-8096

Unity - Rev. Ray Ritch, Pastor, 804 W. Pine Street, Sylacauga, Ala.
Rev. J. O. Franklin, 1010 Louisville Ave. Sylacauga, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala.

Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor, 1914 2nd Ave., Opelika, Ala.

Rev. Sanford Hale, 104 17th Place, Opelika, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Pastor, 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Ala.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist was held with Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama on October 10, 1964. Opening hymn "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Bro. J. O. Franklin. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. After a

short song service, Rev. Sanford Hale read scripture from Nehemiah 2:11, 4:6. Rev. Walter Jones led in prayer at this time.

I. Meeting called to order by moderator, Rev. Sanford Hale.

II. Call for corresponding letters, these were received from each church, read by Rev. Jones, and adopted by the body. The delegates were seated.

III. Special welcome to all visitors.

IV. Appointing of committees by moderator.

1. Business committee - Rev. T. B. Calloway, Oscar Wyatt, Rev. Jones, and Rev. Huey Lacy.

2. Finance committee - Charles Barnett, Chairman; Sis. Mae Lacy, and Bro. Frank Hagan.

3. Deceased committee - Sis. Calloway, Sis. Brooks, and Sis. Hale.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee - Bro. Walter Gentry, Sis. Jackson and Sis. Pat Sheeley.

5. Temperance Committee - Bro. Rachford, Sis. Cherry Taylor and Sis. Lizzie Davis.

6. Sunday School and CTS Committee - Martha Calloway, Sis. Lane, and Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

V. Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on the committee sent to investigate the church in Roanoke, Alabama. This report was accepted and the committee released. The Association voted to turn this matter over to the Business Committee, the election of officers for the Executive Committee was also referred to the Business Committee.

The Association elected the pastor of each church, plus Rev. Sanford Hale to serve as the Ordination Council. Unity Free Will Baptist Church to have power to appoint a suitable member to serve from that church until they have a pastor. There was special singing by Rev. Calloway and daughter, Martha, just before the morning message.

VI. Morning Message: The guest speaker was Rev. J. M. Rich of Florida. He brought a wonderful message on "Winning The Lost Souls To Christ," using St. Mark 6:31 as his scripture.

After the worship hour, we were dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Rev. Calloway.

VII. The East Alabama Assn. began its afternoon session with a call for committee reports.

1. Business Committee - We, the Business Committee, make the following recommendations.

a. The State Assn. Mission Board explore the possibility of reviving the Midway Free Will Baptist Church near Roanoke, Alabama on highway #22. It is now called Midway Fellowship Holiness, but the property belongs to the Free Will Baptist and is on record at the court house in Wedowee, Alabama.

b. We recommend that each church pastor, with one deacon from each church serve as Executive Committee.

First Church of Opelika - Rev. Huey Lacy - Charles Allen

White Rock of Phenix City - Rev. T. B. Calloway - J. L. Edwards

St. James of Phenix City - Rev. Walter Jones - Elvie Warr

Unity of Sylacauga - Rev. Ray Ritch - Walter Gentry

c. We recommend that each church not grant a letter of good standing to the individual church member but only to a sister church.

The Association voted to accept these recommendations, with one exception. The matter of letter granting is to be taken back to the individual church and voted on there.

2. Finance Committee - we report a total of \$45.00 collected - \$10.00 from each church - \$5.00 from Bethel Mission.

3. Deceased Committee - we are happy to report there were no deaths.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee - We recommend that each of us remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy.

5. Temperance Committee - we recommend that all Christians practice temperance in everyday life, love our fellowman with tolerance and compassion.

6. Sunday School and CTS Committee - We recommend that every church have Sunday School and CTS. Sunday School is the growth of the church. CTS is the Training of the church.

7. East Alabama Mission Treasury report -

In Treasury	\$458.08
Paid to Bethel Mission	100.00
Expenses for Home Mission Board to Roanoke, Ala.	4.00

Balance in Treasury	\$354.08
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The body voted to give moderator power to appoint delegates to the State Association.

A motion was made and adopted to adjourn at this time. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Oscar Wyatt

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The women's auxiliary held its first quarterly meeting, Sat. October 10, 1964 at Unity FWB Church of Sylacauga, Alabama.

The meeting was opened with a short song service and prayer by Rev. Sanford Hale.

I Call to order by President, Mrs. Elsie Hale

II Call for corresponding letters - these were received, read by Mrs. Moore and adopted as read.

IV Invitation to visitors to be seated with us.

V Reading of minutes of previous meeting. These accepted as read.

VI A motion was made and adopted to send \$10.00 to Rev. A. T. Byrd for Bethel Mission.

VII Discussion on voting eligibility only elected delegates from each church are allowed to vote in business meetings.

Adjourned at this time.

Previous Balance	\$40.85	Paid out	
Oct. 10, 1964 Fees	10.00	Bank Service Charge90
		\$50.85 Balance in Treasury	\$49.95

Second Quarterly Meeting Of East Alabama Association

The Second Quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association was held with St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama, Feb. 13th, 1965. The opening hymn, "O I Want To See Him" led by Rev. T. B. Calloway. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy, preceding a short song service

I. The body called to order by Rev. Walter Jones.

II. Call for corresponding letters, these were read by Rev. E. B. Led-

low. There were petitionary letters from Bethel Free Will Baptist of Phenix City, Alabama and First Church of Montgomery, Alabama to join East Alabama Association. These letters were received as read and the two churches were welcomed into the East Alabama Association.

III. Welcome to visitors by Rev. Jones.

IV. Appointing of committees by moderator.

1. Business Committee - Rev. A. T. Byrd, chairman, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. T. B. Calloway, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. J. L. Edwards and Bro. Herchell Bell.

2. Finance Committee - Bro. Frank Hagan, chairman, Bro. Roy Barker and Sis. Martha Calloway.

3. Deceased Committee - Sis. Elsie Hale, chairman, Sis. Minnie Brooks and Bro. Larry Hagan.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee - Rev. Ray Ritch, chairman, Bro. William Fuller and Sis. Sue Young.

5. Temperance Committee - Rev. Huey Lacy, chairman, Sis. Betty Edwards and Sis. Jean Bell.

6. Sunday School and CTS Committee - Bro. W. C. Bush, chairman, Sis. Odessa Ledlow and Sis. Virginia Hardin.

V. The morning message followed a brief song service. The speaker was Rev. E. B. Ledlow of Montgomery, Alabama. His topic, "The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ", reminding us of three important facts. 1. The fact of His coming, St. John 14:2, Acts 1:11. 2. The time of His coming - Matthew 24:3, I Thes. 5:1-2. 3. The purpose of His Coming - I Cor. 15 - II Timothy 4:8.

Motion made and adopted to adjourn at this time, dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Allen.

VI. The afternoon session of East Alabama Association opened with Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow singing "Cleanse Me."

Rev. Walter Jones called for committee reports.

1. Business Committee, We, the Business Committee make the following recommendations.

A — The quarterly meeting discontinue all committee reports with the exception of the business committee and Sunday school and CTS committee unless other committees are needed.

B — Recommend that the East Alabama Assn. buy 2 cows for children's Home - at a cost of \$150.00 to \$200.00.

The body voted to accept these recommendations with an amendment that each church take "Cow Funds" as a project and take a special offering for this purpose, to be sent to Bro. Herchell Bell by April 15, 1965.

2. Finance Committee - Report accepted as read - A total of \$55.00, \$10.00 from each church with exception of Bethel who sent \$5.00.

3. Deceased Committee - We, the deceased committee are happy to report no deaths in any of the churches.

4. In accordance with Exodus 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy", We, the Committee recommend that, as Christians, we should not only keep it Holy in church attendance, but in everything we do.

5. Temperance Committee - We know that we have passed from

death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. I John 3:14.

We believe that we should be temperant in all things.

6. Sunday School and CTS Committee - We report that all churches have Sunday School and CTS. They are in good spiritual standing. We recommend that these churches have more fellowship meetings and social gatherings for the young people. In connection with the Sunday School and CTS convention which meets the second Saturday of April at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala. the National CTS and Sunday School Board are assisting us in a TNT Rally. We encourage everyone to attend all classes. This rally will be very informative to all, especially to workers of CTS and Sunday Schools.

New Business - Rev. Ray Ritch made a motion to increase the quarterly fees to \$12.00 per church and the annual fees to \$17.00 per church due to rise in cost of printing state association minutes. The state association fees have increased from \$2.00 per church to \$5.00 each year. The body voted to do this - \$5.00 for associational project and \$7.00 for minutes and fees.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow was elected assistant moderator to fill the rest of term for Rev. T. B. Calloway, who is leaving for another work.

Rev. Huey Lacy elected to serve as moderator for the third quarterly meeting.

A short report was given on progress of First Church of Montgomery, by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. The association voted to give \$100.00 from East Alabama District Mission Fund to go for land purchase for the First Free Will Baptist Church of Montgomery.

Bro. Herchell Bell gave report on Childrens Home, stressing the need of cows to provide milk for the children. A motion was made and adopted to take special offering, to be divided between the childrens home and Rev. E. B. Ledlow's account. A total of \$23.00 love offering was received. Motion made and adopted to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion made and adopted to adjourn at this time. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Calloway.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The second quarterly meeting of Women's Auxiliary of East Ala. Association was held at St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala. on Sat. Feb. 13, 1965. Opened with hymn "Revive Us Again".

Prayer by Sis. Irene Johnson.

I. Call to order by Sis. Hale.

II. Call for corresponding letters - Mrs. Sue Young elected to read the letters. The letters were accepted as read.

III. Reading of previous minutes - accepted as read.

IV. There was no old business.

V. New Business - Aux. to send \$10.00 to National Home Mission for Rev. E. B. Ledlow. Also \$5.00 to Childrens Home for "Cow Fund"

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Previous Balance	\$49.95
Feb. 13, 1965 Fees	10.00
Total	\$59.95

Paid out - Nat'l Home Missions	\$10.00
Childrens Home "Cow Fund"	\$5.00
Balance in Treasury	\$44.95

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

The third quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama, Sat. May 8, 1965

Opening hymn "Some Day", led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. Prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt. A short devotional by Rev. Huey Lacy preceded the business session.

I Call to order by moderator, Rev. Huey Lacy

II Call for corresponding letters - Rev. Ray Ritch was elected to read the letters, these were received and accepted as read. Motion made and adopted to seat the delegates.

III Welcome to visitors, by Rev. Huey Lacy.

IV Appointing of Committees - The moderator was given power to appoint the committees

1. Business Committee - Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman, Rev. Sanford Hale, Bro. Charles Barnette, Bro. Robert Finley and Sis. Avis Tisdale.

2. CTS and Sunday School Committee.

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Chairman. Sis. Odessa Ledlow, Sis. Cherry Taylor, Sis. Minnie Brooks and William Fuller.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow is to moderate the afternoon session in the absence of Rev. Lacy who had to leave because of a death in the family.

V There was a wonderful song and testimony service preceding the morning worship hour. Rev. Ray Ritch was the speaker. He brought a wonderful message, titled "That Ye Be Not Slothful" using Hebrews 6:11-12 as his text.

VI The meeting was adjourned at this time with Rev. Walter Jones dismissing in prayer.

VII The afternoon session opened with singing, led by Rev. Ray Ritch.

VIII Call for committee reports -

1. Business Committee -

a. Finance Report -

First FWB Church of Opelika \$12.00

First FWB Church of Montgomery \$12.00

White Rock FWB Church of Phenix City, Ala. 12.00

St. James FWB Church of Phenix City, Ala. 12.00

Unity FWB Church of Sylacauga, Ala. 12.00

Total \$60.00

Each of these churches sending \$7.00 associational fee and \$5.00 associational project (Children's Home)

East Alabama District Missions Fund. St. James FWB church of Phenix City, Ala. \$12.00 First FWB Church of Opelika, Ala. \$10.00 Total \$22.00

b. We, the business committee recommend that our association send a committee to Jackson Gap Community to contact Mr. Brown on the possibility of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Also sponsoring a revival there using the State tent. We would like to finance

this revival from the East Alabama District Missions Treasury as far as possible.

We also recommend that if we have this revival, each of the churches in this Association be assigned a certain night to attend and that each church support their pastor and attend the revival that night.

2. CTS and Sunday School Committee report the following. All churches have Sunday School and CTS. There is a total of 384 Sunday School members and 217 CTS members. We report that all churches are now ordering literature from our Nashville Office.

The CTS workshop which was held at White Rock FWB was enjoyed by all who attended.

We urge each one to attend the CTS and Sunday School convention on the second Saturday of April, 1966 at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Delegates will be appointed to the state Sunday School and CTS Convention which meets at Cedar Creek FWB Church of Hartselle, Alabama. The 11th & 12th of June, 1965.

The Youth Camp Treasurer reports \$60.91 in treasure.

We also ask the moderator to appoint a youth camp committee.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as youth camp committee: Sis. Champion, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Bro. Charles Barnett and Sis. Juanita Wyatt.

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT MISSION REPORT

Total Given		Paid Out To
1963	\$285.73	Bethel FWB of Phenix City
1964	\$161.75	\$200.00
1965	\$74.00	First FWB of Montgomery 100.00
Balance in Treasury	\$254.85	Submitted by Rev. Sanford Hale
Love Offering	11.70	
		266.55

The body voted to take special offering for the East Ala. District Missions. \$11.70 received.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow gave a short report on the Church in Montgomery and asked special prayer that the permit to build would be granted so their work on the church could begin.

A rising vote of thanks given to host church.

Bro. Gilmore dismissed in prayer at this time.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The third quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of East Alabama Association was held Sat. May 8, 1965 with First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama

Opening hymn "Amazing Grace"

I Call to order by President, Mrs. Hale

II Call for corresponding letters - Mrs. Champion was elected to read the letters, these were adopted as read and delegates were seated.

III Reading of Previous minutes - accepted as read.

IV There was no old or new business

V Program by host church - The program titled "Committed to Womanhood" was very inspiring and enjoyed by all.

VI Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Sis. Odessa Ledlow.

Previous Balance	\$44.95	Paid out to State	
May 8, 1965 Fees	7 50	Aux. Convention	13.20

TOTAL	\$52.45	Balance in Treasury	\$39.25
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EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Annual meeting of East Alabama Association was held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama, Sat. August 14, 1965.

Opening hymn "Meet Me There". Prayer by Bro. H. W. Grice.

I Call to order by Moderator, Rev. Walter Jones

II Call for corresponding letters - Rev. E. B. Ledlow elected to read the letters, adopted as read and delegates were seated

III Welcome to Visitors - Mr. & Mrs. Earl Bone of Butler, Georgia, Rev. Lonnie Fields, Rev. Odell Harris and Rev. Franks were among our visitors.

IV Appointing of Committees, by Moderator.

1. Business Committee - Rev. Sanford Hale, Chairman. Bro. Elvie Warr, Bro. H. W. Grice, Rev. Warren F. Wyatt and Rev. A. T. Byrd

2. Finance Committee - Bro. Raiford Davis, chairman. Mrs. Avis Tisdale and Bro. Larry Hagan.

3. Deceased Committee - Mrs. Pat Milling, Chairman, Mrs. Gulma Thornton and Mrs. Mae Lacy.

4. Sabbath Observance Committee. Rev. Ray Ritch, Chairman, Karen Champion and Mrs. Mattie Lee Byrd.

5. Temperance Committee - Rev. Huey Lacy, Chairman, Mrs. Fannie Wyatt and Bro. Frank Hagan.

6. Sunday School and CTS Committee - Bro. William Fuller, Chairman, Regina Pratt and Mrs. Odessa Ledlow.

Special singing by Rev. & Mrs. E. B. Ledlow was enjoyed by all. V Morning Message was brought by Rev. Odell Harris of Columbus, Georgia, using Psalms 73:2-3-17 as his text.

Dismissal for lunch by Bro. Earl Bone.

VII Reconvened after lunch with call for committee reports.

1. Business Committee - A - We recommend the pastors meet and discuss offering to First Church of Montgomery, this meeting to be held during Women's Auxiliary Meeting. B - We recommend the pastors bring to attention of their churches, the need of Montgomery Church and to ask the churches support in this cause.

2. Finance Committee - We report \$110.00 in fees to the Association. Each church sending \$17.00, Bethel Free Will Baptist of Phenix City sending \$25.00.

DECEASED COMMITTEE:

We, the Deceased Committee humbly report the following:

ST. JAMES

Sis. Martha Elizabeth Hill Born Sept. 30, 1888, Died Nov. 22, 1964

Bro. James Daniel Knighton, Born Oct. 11, 1896, Died Oct. 9, 1965

Bro. Acie G. Barry Lee, Born Aug. 9, 1881, Died Mar. 11, 1965

Sis. Vassie Merrideth Lee, Born July 13, 1889, Died Apr. 9, 1965

Sis. Harriett Rebecca Akin, Born June 5, 1891, Died May 29, 1965

UNITY

Bro. Charles Hill

February, 1965

To: The East Alabama Association of
Free Will Baptist:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama request membership into your association. Following is a minute of the organization of our church on January 13, 1965.

On January 13, 1965, we organized the church with 26 charter members present. The charter was held open for the period of 30 days.

Rev. J. J. Staab, chairman of the Board of Home Missions of the Alabama State Home Mission Board conducted the service. A song, "The Church's One Foundation." was sang. Prayer by Rev. Louie Bates. Another song, "Throw Out The Life Life Line", was sang. Some Testimonials were rendered by the different members and ministers present.

Rev. Staab read Eph. 5:21-32, and Psalms 133 and gave forth some real good thoughts on these scriptures.

The doors of the church was opened for membership. We had 26 to come forward. A song was sang, "Any Where With Jesus."

Rev. W. H. Rylands presented the Bible to the Church. Rev. William Travis read the church Covenant which was accepted by the church. Rev. Levy Corey prayed the prayer of consecration. Rev. J. J. Staab gave the right hand of fellowship.

An offering was taken for the building fund in the amount of \$54.11. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clarence Mays.

IN VIEW OF THESE WHOM GOD IN HIS DIVINE PROVIDENCE SAW FIT TO CALL FROM THIS WORLD OF SORROW, TO THAT WONDERFUL HOME WHICH JESUS SAID, "I GO AND PREPARE FOR YOU A MANSION". THESE CERTAINLY ARE MISSED IN OUR CHURCH. IT IS OUR LOSS AND GOD'S GAIN. FOR PAUL SAID IN PHILIPPIANS 1:21 "FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS TO GAIN".

Written By Rev. Walter E. Jones

4. Sabbath Observance Committee - We, the Sabbath Observance Committee make the following suggestion. In Exodus 20:8-11, the Lord says, Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. We recommend that you read this scripture and abide by it.

5. Temperance - We recommend the reading of the following scripture - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. I John 3:11-12.

6. Sunday School, CTS and Youth Camp Committee - We submit to the district convention the following report. All 6 churches have Sunday School, 5 have CTS. Average attendance in Sunday School 62. Average attendance in CTS 42. We also recommend that the pastors of our district form a committee to investigate the possibility of a youth camp and to make a report of the first quarterly meeting.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

In Treasurer	\$266.78	Paid to Montgomery	\$100.00
Annual Offering	53.80	Balance in Treasurer	\$220.58
		By Rev. Sanford Hale, Treasurer	
		320.58	

Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on the trip to Jackson Gap concerning the starting of a Free Will Baptist Church there. The committee felt that this should be deferred to a later date.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Walter Jones
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Juanita Wyatt
Mission Treasurer	Rev. Sanford Hale
Children's Home Trustee	Bro. Herchell Bell

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Moderator - Rev. Huey Lacy. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Sanford Hale.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Moderator - Rev. Ray Ritch. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Walter Jones.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Moderator - Rev. Warren F. Wyatt. Assistant Moderator - Rev. A. T. Byrd.

The association elected the Executive Committee to contact Rev. Rufus Coffey to speak at the Ninth Annual Association, if unable to obtain him, to contact some one else.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow gave a report on the progress of the church in

Unity Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Pastor - Rev. Ray W. Ritch 804 W. Pine Street, Sylacauga, Ala. **** Gulma Thornton 706 W. Pine Street Sylacauga, Ala.	75	12	4	0	8	1	0	0	2,205.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 97.92	\$ 176.69	\$ 1,388.21	\$ 242.98	\$ 52.81	\$ 52.81	\$ 45.81	\$.00	\$ 30.10	\$ 45.81	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor 2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867 ****	291	2	10	1	15	5	0	0	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 166.18	\$ 1,558.14	\$ 405.02	\$ 3,336.76	\$ 812.78	\$ 259.62	\$ 233.85	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 125.76	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mrs. Peggy Warr, Clerk 4327 Yates Drive, Columbus, Ga.	87	16	0	0	10	0	0	0	\$ 1,131.15	\$ 100.00	\$ 205.95	\$ 166.75	\$ 1,872.25	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.86	\$ 52.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 16,500.00	None
White Rock Church, Phenix City, Ala. 36867 Crawford Road Rev. Warren F. Wyatt - Pastor Route 3 Box 435 - P. C., Ala. 36867 ****	68	7	5	1	6	0	0	0	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 217.17	\$.00	\$ 167.71	\$ 479.67	\$ 175.90	\$ 129.45	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 176.65	\$.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 13,000.00	None
Mrs. Dorothy Murphy - Clerk Route 4 - Box 195-A Phenix City, Alabama 36867	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,082.08	\$ 30.20	\$ 950.44	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 25.00	\$.00	\$ 5.00	\$.00	\$ 3,500.00	None
First Church of Opelika, Ala. Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor 1914 Second Ave., Opelika, Alabama ****	27	17	5	5	0	0	0	0	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 217.17	\$.00	\$ 167.71	\$ 479.67	\$ 175.90	\$ 129.45	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 176.65	\$.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 13,000.00	None
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Montgomery, Ala. He asked that each church support their work with prayer and finances. Any contributions are to be sent to National Home Mission, earmarked for the E. B. Ledlow account.

Unity Free Will Baptist asked that Bro. Clyde Ratchford be ordained as a deacon.

Rev. Ray Ritch had charge of the ordination service, reading the charges to Bro. Ratchford. Rev. E. B. Ledlow prayed the prayer of consecration as the Ordination Council laid hands on him.

Adjourned at this time dismissed in prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy.

Eighth Annual Meeting Of East Alabama Women's Auxiliary

Eighth Annual Meeting of Women's Auxiliary of East Alabama Association was held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama on Sat. August 14, 1965.

Opening song, "Kneel At The Cross"

Prayer by Sis. Lizzie Davis.

I. Call to order by President.

II. Reading of previous minutes, accepted as read.

III. Call for correspoding letters. These were received and read by Sis. Peggy Warr. Accepted as read.

IV. There was no old business.

V. New business - Motion made and adopted for each local auxiliary to order and use Secretary's Recording Book. This will enable The Associational Secretary to have clearer reports for State Association letters.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

President Sis. Guynette Barnette

Vice President Sis. Peggy Warr

Secretary & Treasurer Sis. Juanita Wyatt

VI. Program by host church. Rev. Jones gave a report on State Convention. He spoke of the aims of the Auxiliary, encouraging each local Auxiliary to become Class "A" on the Achievement Chart.

August is "Auxiliary Month". Each member is urged to send \$1.00 for National Women's Auxiliary Headquarters.

Motion made and adopted to give \$20.00 to Rev. E. B. Ledlow, \$10.00 for building fund, \$10.00 to his personal account.

Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Sis. Fannie Wyatt.

Previous Balance \$39.25 Paid out to E. B. Ledlow

Annual Fees 22.50 Account \$20.00

Total \$61.75 Balance in treasure \$41.75

East Alabama District Sunday School and CTS convention

The district meeting of CTS and Sunday School was held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala. April 10, 1965. Opening hymn "I'll Be Satisfied". Prayer by Rev. Warren F. Wyatt.

I. Call to order by President, William Fuller.

II. Call for corresponding letters, these were read by Rev. Warren Wyatt and adopted as read.

III. A special offering was taken at this time, to be given to Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson who came from National Headquarters for a TNT Rally. Bro. Elvie Warr led offertory prayer. \$10.35 was the amount given to the teachers.

IV. William Fuller talked to group about having a Youth Camp this

There were 11 ministers, present. We had 52 people present for the service.

Ministers present:

Rev. J. J. Staab
Rev. William Travis
Rev. W. H. Ryland
Rev. Levy Corey
Rev. Louie Bates

Rev. Clarence Mays
Rev. T. B. Calloway
Rev. Huey Lacy
Rev. Sanford Hale
Rev. E. B. Ledlow
Rev. Walter Jones

The church voted 100% to join the East Alabama Association while in conference on January 17, 1965.

E. B. Ledlow, Pastor
Avis Tisdale, Clerk

Song- "I Am Thine O Lord"- Prayer by Bro. H.T. Shiver

Bethel FWB Mission was organized into Bethel FWB Church on December 27, 1964, with (8) eight charter members.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Moderator of East Alabama Association conducted the service using Duet. 14:2 and Matthew 28:19-20 as his scripture.

Rev. Walter E. Jones presented the Bible to the Church and read the church covenant which was accepted by Bethel FWB Church. Rev. Huey Lacy prayed the prayer of consecration. The right hand of christian fellowship was given.

The following officers were elected by the body:

Rev. A. T. Byrd- Pastor
Mrs. Virginia Harden- Clerk
Mrs. Gertie Shiver- Treasurer
Bro. H. T. Shiver- Deacon

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

Recorded by:
Mrs. Juanita Wyatt, Secretary
East Alabama Association.

year. A committee was appointed to make a report on Youth Camp. Committee members - Deborah Kelly, Elvie Warr, Bro. Idas Killingsworth and Carolyn Jones.

Adjourned at this time to begin TNT workshop.

V. The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Samuel Johnson, then another workshop.

VI. CTS Meeting called to order by President. The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President	William Fuller
Vice President	Carolyn Jones
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Juanita Wyatt
Sword Drill Director	Cherry Taylor
Pianist	Mrs. Minnie Atkinson
Chorister	Bro. Carlton Killingsworth

Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Bro. Carlton Killingsworth.

Sunday School and CTS Report

First Free Will Baptist of Opelika Sunday School

On Roll	61	Children's Home	\$150.90
Average Attendance	40	Missions	\$31.25
Literature	\$69.98	Convention Fee	\$2.50
Charles Allen, Supt.		Mrs. Flora Jackson, Sec.	
Rt. 1, Box 143		Rt. 4, Box 160-C	
Auburn, Alabama		Opelika, Alabama	

First Free Will Baptist of Opelika, CTS

On Roll	58	Paid out, all purposes	\$50.35
Average Attendance	35	Convention Fee	\$2.50
Mr. Horris Jackson, President		Mrs. Alma Hale, Sec. & Treas.	
Route 4, Box 160-C		Route One, Box 28-B	
Opelika, Ala.		Opelika, Ala.	

St. James Free Will Baptist Sunday School

Sunday School Enrollment	140	Children's Home	\$187.69
Average Attendance	71	Missions	10.00
Building & Repair	\$48.11	Foreign Missions	15.00
Charity	\$117.60	Vacation Bible School	35.55
Miscellaneous	47.61	Conventional Fee	\$2.50
Literature	237.09	Superannuation	\$72.19
Elvie Warr, Supt.		Carolyn Jones, Secretary	
4327 Yates Drive		2011 Second Ave.	
Columbus, Georgia		Phenix City, Alabama	

St. James CTS

Enrolled	55	Paid out	\$183.39
Average Attendance	30	Convention Fees	2.50
Mr. J. C. Grimes, President		Mrs. Doris Richburg	
200-20th Street		2011 Second Ave.	
Phenix City, Ala.		Phenix City, Ala.	

White Rock Free Will Baptist Sunday School

On Roll	60	Convention Fee	\$2.50
Average Attendance	45		
Building & Repair	\$100.00		
Literature	\$56.00		

C. E. Killingsworth, Supt. Mrs. Bernice Taylor, Sec.
Rt. #4 1720 18th Court
Phenix City, Alabama Phenix City, Ala.

White Rock CTS

On Roll 43 Route #4
Average Attendance 27 Phenix City, Alabama
Paid out, all purposes \$186.50 Miss Marie Murphy, Sec. & Treas.
Convention Fee \$2.50 Route 4, Box 195-A
Mr. Idas Killingsworth, President Phenix City, Alabama

Unity Free Will Sunday School

On Roll 71 Literature \$165.69
Average Attendance 50 Convention Fee \$2.50
David Bramlett, Supt. Larry Sanders, Secretary

Unity Free Will Baptist CTS

On Roll 53 Paid out, all purposes
Average Attendance 37 Convention Fee \$2.50
Mr. Charles Barnett, President Mr. Walter Gentry, Sec & Treas.
Route #1, Box 235-E Walnut Street
Sylacauga, Ala. Sylacauga, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist of Montgomery Sunday School

On Roll 42 Convention Fee \$2.50
Average Attendance 29
Roy Barker, Supt. Mrs. Rosie Pitts, Sec. & Treas.
853 Martha Street 456 S. Holt Street
Montgomery, Alabama Montgomery, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist of Montgomery CTS

On Roll 33 Convention Fee \$2.50
Average Attendance 20
Mr. Donnis R. Tisdale, President Mrs. Sue Young, Sec. & Treas.
162 W. Woodland Drive 1036 Beth Manor Drive
Montgomery, Ala. Montgomery, Ala.

CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

3. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in the administration 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 visit-

ing 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 but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

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

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

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

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

stration 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 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 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 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, II Cor. 1:18, I 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, I Jn. 5:20, I 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, I 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. Psal. 19:1-2, Psal. 145:10, Acts 17:28, Psal. 22:28.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psal. 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 Cor.

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 Savior 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, Jn. 3:36, 2 Cor. 7-10. Prov. 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 became 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, I Tim. 2:4.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perseveres in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. Acts 3:19, I Thes. 5:23, Gal. 2:20, I 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, Mark 1:15, 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, 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." 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 CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE CONVENTION

PREAMBLE: The East Alabama Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and C. T. S. 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—C. T. S. 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 C. T. S. 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 C. T. S. in General. The convention program shall be planned three months prior to convention date, by the officers of Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention.

ARTICLE 5. Meeting—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 I. 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 officer 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 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 C. T. S. 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 C. T. S. 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 C. T. S. 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 forsake 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.