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MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EAST ALABAMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
LUVERNE, ALABAMA

SECOND SATURDAY IN
AUGUST, 1966

OFFICERS

Rev. E. B. Ledlow	Moderator
3810 Robbins Rd., Montgomery, Ala.	
Rev. Walter E. Jones	Assistant Moderator
2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala.	
Mrs. Juanita Wyatt	Clerk & Treasurer
Route #3, Box 435, Phenix City, Ala.	
Mrs. Peggy Warr	Assistant Clerk & Treasurer
4327 Yates Drive, Columbus, Ga.	

The Tenth Annual Session will be held with St. James Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama on August 12, 1967.

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 be 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. Dismissed by prayer.

CALENDAR OF MEETING FOR YEAR 1966-1967

First Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association will be held November 5, 1966 at Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama.

Alabama State Association meets November 10-11-12, 1966 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama.

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

Second Quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association meets at First Church of Montgomery, Alabama, on February 11, 1967.

East Alabama District Sunday School and CTS Convention to be held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama in March, during A.E.A. Week.

Third Quarterly Meeting of East Alabama Association to be held at First Church of Opelika, Alabama on May 13, 1967.

State Women's Auxiliary convention to be held

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The Executive Committee

The pastor of each church and one deacon. 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, Rev. Sanford Hale, J. L. Jones.

The Ordination Council

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

The Names and Addresses of Ministers

St. James - Rev. Walter Jones, Pastor, 2011 2nd Avenue, 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 Avenue, Phenix City, Ala. 36867 - Phone 298-7366

White Rock - Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor, Rt. No. 3, Box 435, Phenix City, Ala. - Phone 298-8096

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

First Church of Opelika - Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor, 1914 2nd Avenue Opelika, Alabama.

First Church of Montgomery - Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Pastor - 3810 Robbins Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

First Church of Luverne - Rev. Sanford Hale, Pastor - 104 17th Place Opelika, Alabama.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Ray Ritch, Bro. Elvie Warr, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Warren Wyatt.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Luverne, Alabama was organized October 23, 1965. East Alabama Ass'n Moderator, Bro. E. B. Ledlow led the Organizational Service. Began with song "Give Me Your Hand" led by Bro. Ledlow. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Jones. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. Ledlow. Welcome by Bro. Sanford Hale. Message

brought by Bro. Walter Jones on "Duties of The Church." Church doors opened for membership. Seven came by letter and one for baptism. Bro. Warren Wyatt presented Bible to Church. Bro. E. B. Ledlow read the Church Covenant. Bro. Huey Lacey led in prayer. Right Hand of Christian Fellowship given to new members. First Free Will Baptist Church of Luverne then called Bro. Sanford Hale as Pastor. The following Officers were elected.

Bro. J. L. Jones as Treasurer; Sis. Elsie Hale as Secretary. The Church agreed to leave doors opened for thirty days for reception of charter members. Benediction by Bro. R. P. Ledlow.

Clerk, Sis. Elsie Hale
104 17th Place
Opelika, Alabama

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 November 6, 1965. The opening hymn was "In The Morning Of Joy." Prayer by Rev. Walter Jones. A short devotional was given by Rev. Huey Lacy.

I. Meeting called to order by moderator, Rev. Huey Lacy.

II. Call for corresponding letters, these were received from each church, read by Rev. Ray Ritch and adopted by the body.

III. There was a petitionary letter from the Free Will Baptist Church of Luverne to join the East Alabama Association. This church was welcomed to our Association and their delegate's seated.

IV. Appointing of Committees by moderator.

1. Business and Finance Committee - Rev. Warren Wyatt, Chairman; Bro. L. L. Cobb, Bro. Frank Hagen, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Bro. H. W. Grice and Bro. Horris Jackson.

2 Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee - Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman; Sis. Odessa Ledlow, Bro. J. L. Jones, Sis. Loretta Jackson, Bro. Charles Barnett, and Bro. Rodger Milling.

V. There was a wonderful and inspiring testimony service before the morning worship hour. Rev. E. B. Ledlow led a short song service. There was also special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Ledlow. The morning message was brought by Rev. Sanford Hale. St. John 6:8 was his scripture. Prayer by Rev. Walter Jones. We adjourned at this time for lunch. Prayer was given by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

VI. The East Alabama Association began its afternoon session with a call for committee reports.

1. Business and Finance Reports — The body voted to change the Annual Association from Opelika to the First Church of Luverne, Ala., on the second Saturday of August, 1966.

FEES

Unity Free Will Baptist Church	\$12.00
First Church of Montgomery	12.00
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church	12.00
St. James Free Will Baptist Church	12.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika	12.00

White Rock Free Will Baptist Church 12.00

Total Received \$72.00

2. Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee — The Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee recommended each church to participate in a contest beginning tomorrow, November 7, and continue thru the next quarter. Each church will bring in a report of the new members received from November 7, thru the last Sunday in January. An award will be given to the leading Sunday School and C.T.S. according to the ratio of each. We also recommend each pastor to give serious thought to the possibility of a youth camp and to report their decision at the next quarterly meeting. These were accepted as read.

Respectfully Submitting,
Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman
R. W. Milling
Charles Barnett
J. L. Jones
Loretta Jackson
Odessa Ledlow

3. East Alabama Mission Treasure Report — Motion made and adopted to give \$200.00 to First Free Will Baptist Church of Luverne, Alabama to help them with their new work.

First Quarterly Offering

In Treasure	\$220.58	Unity F.W.B. Church	\$15.43
First Quarterly Offering ..	68.96	First Church of Montg. ..	10.00
		First Church of Opelika ..	16.20
Total Amount	\$289.54	First Church of Luverne ..	5.00
Paid out to Luverne Free Will Baptist Church	\$200.00	White Rock F.W.B. Church	10.31
		St. James F.W.B. Church	12.00
Balance	89.54		

Total Amount \$68.96

A rising vote of thanks to host church for their wonderful hospitality. Rev. Ritch urged everyone who possibly could to attend the State Association at Dothan, Alabama, on November 11, 12, and 13. Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on the Children's Home. This report was accepted as read.

The Ordination Council had three candidates to ordain: Bro. Jones and Bro. Cobb of Luverne and Bro. Champion of Opelika. Rev. Walter Jones brought the message. He read from Acts 6:1-8 and from I Timothy 3:8-13. Rev. Ray Ritch led in prayer as the candidates knelt at the altar. The prayer of consecration by Rev. Lacy followed the laying on of hands by all the ordained men of the church. The right hand of Christian fellowship was given to the men and their wives.

A motion was made and adopted to adjourn at this time.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The women's auxiliary held its first quarterly meeting at Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama, on Saturday, November 6, 1965.

The meeting was opened by singing "When The Saints Go Marching In" and prayer by Sister Champion.

- I. Call to order by Mrs. Hale.
- II. Call for corresponding letters—these were received, read by Sister Odessa Ledlow. Adopted as read. There was no letter from Opelika but a representation fee of \$2.50 was sent.
- III. Reading of previous minutes, adopted as read.
- IV. No old business.

V. New Business - The body voted to give East Alabama Association \$15.00 for printing of minutes. Motion made and adopted to send \$10.00 to Bill and Joyce Jones, Foreign Missions.

VI. Program by host church - Rev. Ray Ritch spoke to the Auxiliary on their work in the church, the importance of it and encouraged each member to do more.

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

Previous Balance	\$41.75	Bill and Joyce Jones	10.00
Nov. 6, 1965 fees	10.00		
		Bank Service Charge	1.20
Total	\$51.75		

Paid Out —

East Ala., Ass'n for printing minutes	\$15.00	Balance in Treasure	\$25.55
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"SECOND QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION" meeting of East Alabama Association was held at St. James FWB Church of Phenix City, Ala. Feb. 12, 1966.

Opening Hymn, "Victory in Jesus" No. 116

Opening Prayer by Rev. A. T. Byrd

Meeting called to order by Moderator Rev. Ray Ritch
Called for Corresponding letters. They were read by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. All Churches represented and the Delegates were seated.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, acting as secretary for Sis. Juanita Wyatt due to illness of her son, read the minutes of the previous Quarterly Association and there was a move and second that the minutes be accepted as read. It was carried by all voting yes.

Appointing of committees by the moderator, as follows:

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bro. L. L. Cobb, Bro. W. C. Bush, Bro. Oscar Wyatt, Bro. Horris Jackson, Bro. Jimmy Sims.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S. COMMITTEE: Sis. Odessa Ledlow, Bro. Roger Milling, Sis. Karen Champion, Sis. Connie Sims, Bro. Leon Blackmon.

WORSHIP HOUR TIME. A wonderful message was brought by Rev. Tommy Willey, Jr. Missionary from the Republic of Panama.

Bro. Willey led in some courses. His Scripture reading was Matt. 4:5-6 and chapter 5: 13 thru 16. Subject was "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE", Shining for Jesus the principal theme.

Dismissed for lunch served by host Church.

Following lunch, Woman's Aux. Convention held their meeting with Bro. Ray Ritch acting as president until a president was elected. Sis. Odessa Ledlow and Sis. Sanford Hale were nominated with Sis. Odessa Ledlow being elected.

Special Music by Bro. and Sis. Ledlow.

White Rock Aux. with a fee of	\$2.50
St. James with a fee	\$2.50
Unity Aux. No. 1	

No. 2 with a fee	\$2.50
First Church of Opelika with fee	\$2.50

Letter was read and the delegates were seated.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Sis. Elsie Hale and it was adopted. There was a move and a second that Ladies Aux give \$5.00 to the Rev. Tom Willey Jr. Missionary account. No further business so the meeting was adjourned.

East Ala. Quarterly Meeting resumed its business. 1. There was an offering received in the amount of \$18.12. While the ushers were counting the money, there was special by Rev. Tommy Willey and Rev. and Sis. E. B. Ledlow. Then there was a move and second that the Association Treasurer finish out this amount from \$18.12 to \$50.00 from the Association Treasure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN:

1. Business & Finance report. There was a move and second that the clerk order some new letter forms from the Randall Book Store in Nashville, Tenn.

2. The S. S. and C. T. S. com. report recommended that new member contest continue thru last Sunday in March. The award will be presented at our S.S. and C.T.S. Convention in Opelika on the Second Saturday in April.

Bro. E. B. Ledlow presented the plans for their new Church Building. There was a move and second that we invite Bro. Reford Wilson to come and bring the message at our Yearly Association when it meets in Luverne, Ala., on the Second Saturday of August, and that a Missionary Conference be held in connection with it.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee of the Association arrange the plans for the Conference.

There was a discussion about a Youth Camp and it was suggested that we cooperate with the Progressive Association Youth Camp this year.

There was a move and second that the Association give the host Church a rising vote of Thanks for the wonderful hospitality.

Meeting was adjourned.

East Alabama District Sunday School and CTS Convention

The district meeting of Sunday School and CTS was held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama on April 9, 1966.

Singing led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Rhonda Ledlow

Devotional and prayer by Connie Sims

I. Call to order by President — William Fuller.

II. Call for letters, read by Ricky Strickland and delegates were seated.

III. A talk on CTS, Youth Program, and Camp Proyuka was given by Charles Hollingshead.

IV. A short song service and the morning offering preceded the morning message by Bill McCuin.

V. Dismissed for lunch.

VI. Afternoon session began with song service led by Charles Hollingshead and Rhonda Ledlow — Prayer by Carolyn Jones.

VII. The First Church of Montgomery, Alabama won the Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl

VIII. Business—

A. Voted to pay expenses of Rev. E. B. Ledlow and Charles Hollingshead to District Convention.

B. Voted to recommend to East Alabama Association to form a Christian Board of Education and Treasurer to turn over all money and books to such board.

C. Also voted to recommend Youth Convention meet during the First week of March, during A. E. A. Week.

Adjourned at this time.

Sunday School and CTS Report

ST. JAMES FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	160	Children's Home	\$167.00
Average Attendance	75	Missions	\$ 47.60
Building & Repair	\$127.42	Superannuation	\$ 45.90
Charity	\$127.00	Elvie Warr, Supt.	
Miscellaneous	\$ 56.89	2743 Hilyer Drive	
Literature	\$161.20	Columbus, Georgia	
Vacation Bible School	\$ 40.00	Carolyn Jones, Sec.	
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	2011 Second Avenue	
Convention Speakers	\$ 7.00	Phenix City, Ala.	

ST. JAMES CTS REPORT

On Roll	50	200 20th Street
Average Attendance	40	Phenix City, Alabama
Paid Out	\$ 71.79	Mrs. J. A. Richburg, Sec.
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	Rt. 3, Box 614
J. C. Grimes, President		Phenix City, Alabama

WHITE ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	76	1124 28th Avenue
Average Attendance	39	Phenix City, Alabama
Literature	\$115.00	Mrs. Bernice Taylor, Sec.
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	1720 18th Court
J. L. Edwards, Supt.		Phenix City, Alabama

WHITE ROCK CTS REPORT

On Roll	43	Rt. 4, Box 404
Average Attendance	27	Phenix City, Alabama
Literature	\$119.05	Mrs. Juanita Wyatt, Sec.
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	Rt. 3, Box 435
M. S. Gardner, President		Phenix City, Alabama

UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	84	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	61		

UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS REPORT

On Roll	44	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	32		

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF OPELIKA SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	61	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	40		

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF OPELIKA CTS REPORT

On Roll	50	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	38		

FIRST CHURCH OF LUVERNE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	46	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	40		

FIRST CHURCH OF LUVERNE CTS REPORT

On Roll	26	Convention Fee	\$ 2.50
Average Attendance	13		

FIRST CHURCH OF MONTGOMERY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On Roll	41	Mrs. Avis Tisdale, Sec.
Average Attendance	25	162 W. Woodland Drive
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	Montgomery, Alabama
Donnis Tisdale, Supt.		
162 West Woodland Drive		
Montgomery, Alabama		

FIRST CHURCH OF MONTGOMERY CTS REPORT

On Roll	27	L. C. Cannon, President
Average Attendance	17	Rt. 4, Box 64
Convention Fee	\$ 2.50	Wetumpka, Alabama

**THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION**

The third quarterly meeting of East Alabama association of Free Will Baptist was held May 14, 1966, at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow was in charge of a short song service, followed with prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy.

I. Call to order by moderator, Rev. Warren F. Wyatt. Welcome to visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Maggart of Columbus, Georgia by moderator.

II. Call for corresponding letters, these were received from each church, read by Rev. Ray Ritch and adopted by the body.

III. Appointing of committees by moderator.

A. Business and finance committee — Bro. Charles Allen, Chairman, Bro. Warren Alford, Sis. Minnie Brooks, Sis. Odessa Ledlow, Bro. Rufus Lawhorn and Bro. Leon Milling.

B. Sunday School and CTS Committee — Sis. Flora Jackson, Chairman, Sis. Agnes Dukes, Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Avis Tisdale, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst and Sis. Patricia Milling.

IV. Morning Message — Rev. Vernon Maggart brought a wonderful message on "Living Like Jesus" using John 1:29 — "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

Adjourned at this time for lunch, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

V. The afternoon session began with a short talk on progress of First Church of Montgomery, Alabama, by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

VI. Call for committee reports —

Sunday School & CTS Report — We, the Sunday School and CTS Committee, report all churches in our district have Sunday School, with 477 members enrolled. CTS enrollment of 247. We urge all churches to establish a regular visitation program to bring new

JESUS SAVES

Unity Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Pastor - Rev. Ray W. Ritch 804 W. Pine Street, Sylacauga, Ala. ****	70	Total Membership	38
Gulma Thornton 706 W. Pine Street Sylacauga, Ala.	3	Received by Letter	16
St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Walter E. Jones, Pastor 2011 Second Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867	3	Received by Baptism	19
Mrs. Peggy Warr, Clerk 2742 - Hilger Drive, Columbus, Ga.	0	Received by Statement	3
White Rock Church, Phenix City, Ala. 36867 Crawford Road Rev. Warren F. Wyatt - Pastor Route 3 Box 435 - P. C., Ala. 36867 * * * * *	13	Dismissed by Letter	0
Mrs. Dorothy Murphy - Clerk Route 4 - Box 195-A Phenix City, Alabama 36867	3	Deceased	0
First Church of Opelika, Ala. Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor 1914 Second Ave., Opelika, Alabama ****	0	Expelled	0
Mrs. Florene Parker, Clerk Rt. 1, Box 56, Opelika, Ala.	284	Paid out for Local causes Pastor	631.00
Bethel Church, Auburn Rd., P. C., Ala. Rev. A. T. Byrd, Pastor 1323 - 14th Ave. P. C., Ala. 36867 ****	2	Evangelist	75.00
Mrs. Mattie Ruth Byrd, Clerk Same address as above	11	Building & Repair	994.86
First Church, Montgomery, Ala. Rev. E. B. Ledlow - Pastor 3810 Robbins Road Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. Avis Tisdale, Clerk 162 W. Woodland Drive, Montgomery, Alabama	4	Literature & Publications	96.73
First Church-Luverne, Ala. Rev. Sanford Hale, Pastor 104 - 17th Place Opelika, Ala. ****	0	All other Purposes	497.15
Mrs. Sanford Hale, Clerk Same address as above	0	Paid out for Outside causes Children's Home	15.00
	3	Foreign Missions	32.32
	3	Nat'l Home Missions	34.82
	0	F. W. B. College-Nashville, Tenn. Execu. Dept. of Nat'l Assn.	169.09
	0	State & District Missions	33.00
	0	Superannuation	5.00
	0	Quarterly & Annual Assn. Fees	20.50
	0	Auxiliary Convention Fees	8.60
	0	Associational Projects	
	0	All other outside causes	
	2,940.00	Value of Church Property	\$10,000.00
	155.00	Value of Parsonage	\$15,000.00
	111.11		
	327.88		
	1,912.73		
	216.84		
	136.40		
	119.11		
	75.04		
	163.00		
	75.04		
	33.00		
	5.00		
	20.00		
	108.00		
	\$30,000.00		
	\$50,000.00		
	\$ 8,000.00		

the board to draw up constitutions and by-laws and report at next quarterly meeting.

- d. We recommend that the clerk order ordination forms for ministers and deacons, also forms for license of ministers.

Submitted by:

Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Sanford Hale,
Charles Allen, J. L. Jones and R. W.
Milling

2. Finance Committee Report:

	Fees	Assoc. Project	Missionary Conference
St. James	\$12.00	\$5.00	74.00
Bethel	\$12.00	-	15.00
White Rock	\$12.00	\$5.00	13.05
Unity	\$12.00	\$5.00	23.78
First Church, Opelika	\$12.00	\$5.00	33.09
First Church, Montgomery	\$12.00	\$5.00	32.00
First Church, Luverne	\$12.00	\$5.00	40.65
St. James Sunday School			20.00
East Alabama Association			42.66
Total:	\$84.00	\$30.00	294.23

The money for the missionary conference to be divided between the following accounts: Bobby Aycock, Leslie Carney, Bill Fulcher and the General Fund.

Submitted by;

Rev. Warren F. Wyatt, Clyde Ratchford and Mrs. U. Z. Hale.

3. Deceased Committee - We, the deceased committee regret to report the following deaths:

Mrs. Elba Hathaway - White Rock Free Will Baptist. Born Nov. 28, 1904, Died July 28, 1966

Bro. W. L. Cannon - St. James Free Will Baptist Born May 18, 1885 - Died Nov. 26, 1966

Sis. Tura Harrelson - St. James Free Will Baptist Born June 10, 1891, Died March 14, 1966

Sis. Maggie Clayton - St. James Free Will Baptist Born - May 9, 1894, Died March 14, 1966

In view of these, whom God saw fit to take out of this world of sorrow and pain to a home on God's celestial shore, they are our loss but Heaven's gain.

Submitted by —

Charles Barnette, Elinor Moore, and
Eva Scruggs

4. Sabbath Observance Committee - We, the Sabbath Observance Committee, believe in abiding by Exodus 20:8-11.

8. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labor, and do thy work.

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

11. 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, as christians, must pray that more people will attend church on the sabbath, instead of finding other interests.

Respectfully submitted-

Leon Milling, Mrs. Sanford Hale and
Mrs. Peggy Warr.

5. Temperance Committee - We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that all Christians practice temperance in every day life, love our fellowman with tolerance and compassion, that our light may shine and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Submitted by:

Oscar Wyatt, Lizzie Davis, and Rev.
Huey Lacy

6. Sunday School & C.T.S. Committee - We urge each Sunday School and C.T.S. to work harder to build our Sunday School and C.T.S., also recommend each church order kits from C.T.S. Department to use in Bible Bowl, Bible Tic Tac Toe and Sword Drill. These contest will be used in District, State and National Association.

Rev. Walter Jones, Mae Lacy and
Fannie Whitehurst

7. Ordination Council - a. We recommend to exchange papers of Bro. U. Z. Hale, who was ordained as deacon in a Baptist Church to a deacon of good standing in Free Will Baptist Church. b. We also recommend that Jimmy Sims be license to preach the gospel for the period of one (1) year - Ordination papers are to be given to Rev. Warren Wyatt and Bro. Warner Alford.

The following men were elected to Board of Christian Education:

Rev. Sanford Hale

Rev. Walter Jones

Rev. Ray Ritch

Rev. Warren Wyatt

Bro. Elvie Warr

Each church is to elect one (1) delegate to State Association and notify the clerk by the middle of October.

Election of officers for coming year:

Moderator — Rev. E. B. Ledlow

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Walter Jones

Secretary and Treasurer — Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

Assistant Sec. and Treas. — Mrs. Peggy Warr

Moderators for quarterly Meetings:

First Quarterly Meeting—Rev. Warren Wyatt

Second Quarterly Meeting—Rev. Huey Lacy

Third Quarterly Meeting—Rev. Ray Ritch

Each church is asked to receive a special offering for Bobby Aycock's account and to turn it in to the clerk of East Alabama Association by November 5, 1966.

The body voted to send Reford Wilson \$10.00 for expenses.

Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Jimmy Sims.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND

PREVIOUS BALANCE \$187.23
 AUGUST 13, 1966 OFFERING 63.37

TOTAL IN TREASURY \$250.60

Rev. Sanford Hale, Treasurer

ANNUAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

The ninth annual meeting of Women's Auxiliary was held at First Church of Luverne, Alabama on Saturday, August 13, 1966. Opened with singing led by Mrs. Mason Giles, prayer by Sis. Minnie Brooks.

I. Call to order by Sis. Odessa Ledlow.

II. Call for letters, read by clerk and accepted as read. Delegates were seated.

III. No Old Business.

IV. The auxiliary voted to have only one meeting per year. This meeting to be held first week of March during A. E. A. week, beginning Thursday morning at 10:30.

V. Program—Mrs. Sue Aycock, our missionary to Brazil, gave an inspiring message on "Put on the Whole Armor of God" using Eph. 6:10.

VI. Election of officers for year 1966-67:

President—Mrs. Odessa Ledlow

Vice President—Mrs. Elsie Hale

Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

Asst. Sec. & Treasurer—Mrs. Peggy Warr

Adjourned at this time—dismissed in prayer by Sis. Giles.

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 rules 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, 1 Tim. 6:17.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. Isa. 45:21; Jn. 4:42, Rev. 22:13, 1 Jn. 5:20, 1 Tim. 3:16.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of Men. Jn. 16:13, 1 Cor. 2:11, Acts 13:2, Jn. 16:8.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Psa. 19:1-2, Psa. 145:10, Acts. 17:28, Psa. 22-28.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but by dis-

obedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psa. 5:15, Jn. 6:44.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, 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 unpreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10, Acts 16:31, 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, 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. 10:16-21, John 13:17.

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 Lg. 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 23:15, 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 Thes. 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 demonination.

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 President, 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.

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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 visiting brethren to seat with us. 3. Open doors of the church for reception of members. 4. For acknowledgments. 5. For reference or deferred business. 6. For matters of dealings which are in order to come before the Church. 7. Miscellaneous business. 8. Adjournment.

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

9. Any orderly member of the Baptist church who does hold this church in membership, may be received into the Church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some other sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

10. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present but unreasonable 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 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 this 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 pastor 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.

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 exe-

cutive 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 conference, 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.