

East Alabama Association

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**Free Will Baptist**

**Minutes 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.

## GENERAL OFFICES OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1967-1968

Moderator ..... Rev. Joe B. Ledlow  
2106 17th Ave. Phenix City, Alabama  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Walter Jones  
2011 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Alabama  
Clerk and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Juanita Wyatt  
Rt. 3 Box 435, Phenix City, Alabama  
Assistant Clerk ..... Mrs. Peggy Warr  
2742 Hilyer Drive, Columbus, Georgia

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Chairman ..... 2106 17th. Ave. Phenix City, Ala.  
Rev. Rodger Milling, Clerk ..... Rt 4 Box 314, Phenix City, Ala.  
Rev. E. B. Ledlow ..... 3810 Robbins Rd. Montgomery, Ala.  
Rev. Warren Wyatt ..... Rt. 3 Box 435, Phenix City, Ala.  
Rev. Walter Jones ..... 2011 2nd. Ave. Phenix City, Ala.

### BOARDS

GENERAL—The pastor of each church in the Association—Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Huey Lacy—Rev. J. W. Barlow.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman; Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Ray Ritch.

ORDINATION—Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Warren F. Wyatt, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Huey Lacy.

TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME—Rev. J. L. Jones

EAST ALABAMA MISSIONS—Rev. Rodger Milling, Treasurer.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — Charles Barnette, Rev. Charles Allen, Elvie Warr.

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE—Rev. Joe B. Ledlow—Rev. Huey Lacy.

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1967-1968

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING—November 4, 1967 at First Church of Opelika, Alabama. Moderator—Rev. Warren F. Wyatt.

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION—November 9-10-11, 1967 at Birmingham, Alabama.

STATE YOUTH RALLY—

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING—February 10, 1968 at First Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Moderator—Rev. Huey Lacy.

DISTRICT WOMENS AUXILIARY—Friday of A.E.A. Week in March, 1968 at Unity Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL and C.T.S. CONVENTION—Friday night and Saturday of A.E.A. Week in March, 1968 at Unity Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING—May 11, 1968 at First Church, Luverne, Alabama. Moderator—Rev. Rodger Milling.

ANNUAL MEETING—"Eleventh"—August 10, 1968 at St. Mark, Phenix City, Alabama. Moderator—Rev. Joe B. Ledlow.



## MINISTERS AND CLERKS

### ST. JAMES CHURCH

Rev. Walter Jones—Pastor  
2011 2nd. Ave.  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
Rev. P. E. Knighton  
1610 21st. St.  
Phenix City, Alabama  
Mrs. Peggy Warr—Clerk  
2742 Hilyer Dr.  
Columbus, Georgia 31907

### FIRST CHURCH, OPELIKA

Rev. Huey Lacy—Pastor  
1914 2nd. Ave.  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Rev. Sanford Hale  
104 17th. Place  
Rev. Charles Allen  
Cox Road,  
Auburn, Alabama 36801  
Mrs. Charles Champion—Clerk  
Rt. 3 Box 227  
Opelika, Alabama 36801

### WHITE ROCK CHURCH

Rev. Warren F. Wyatt—Pastor  
Rt. 3 Box 435  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
Mrs. Dorothy Murphy—Clerk  
Rt. 4 Box 195A  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

### ST. MARK CHURCH

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow—Pastor  
2106 17th. Ave.  
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Rev. G. T. Halliman  
1415 14th. St.  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
Mrs. Voncile King—Clerk  
1219 23rd. Court  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

### FIRST CHURCH, LUVERNE

Rev. J. L. Jones—Pastor  
107 Forrest Ave.  
Luverne, Alabama 36049

Rev. Warner Alford

Luverne, Alabama 36049  
Rev. Wynn Wright Davis  
Dozier, Alabama  
Rev. L. L. Cobb  
Westdale Apts.  
Luverne, Alabama 36049  
Mrs. Peggy Duncan—Clerk  
Rt. 1  
Luverne, Alabama 36049

### FIRST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY

Rev. E. B. Ledlow—Pastor  
3810 Robbins Road  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Mrs. Avis Tisdale—Clerk  
162 West Woodland Drive  
Montgomery, Alabama

### BETHEL CHURCH

Rev. Rodger Milling—Pastor  
Rt. 4 Box 314  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
Rev. A. T. Byrd  
Rt. 2

Pittsview, Alabama 36867  
Mrs. June Hayes—Clerk  
Rt. 2 Box 425 1/2  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
FIRST CHURCH OF DOZIER

Rev. J. W. Barlow—Pastor  
Dozier, Alabama 36028  
Mrs. Lena Robbins—Clerk  
Dozier, Alabama 36028

### UNITY CHURCH

Rev. Ray Ritch—Pastor  
804 West Pine St.  
Sylacauga, Alabama  
Rev. J. O. Franklin  
1010 Louisville Ave  
Sylacauga, Alabama  
Rev. Mike Nelson  
Sylacauga, Alabama  
Mrs. Linda Finch—Clerk  
Rt. 4 Box 414  
Sylacauga, Alabama

## PROCEEDINGS

### First Quarterly Meeting

### SATURDAY MORNING—NOVEMBER 5, 1966

The first quarterly meeting of 1966-67 associational year was held at Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Ray Ritch, pray by Rev. Joe B. Ledlow. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Warren Wyatt.

Corresponding letters were received, read, and delegates were seated.

There were petitionary letters from St. Mark of Phenix City, Alabama and First Church of Dozier, Alabama to join this association. They were welcomed into the East Alabama Association and their delegates were seated.

The committees were appointed by the moderator (see committee report).

There was special singing by Rev. Ray Ritch.

Rev. A. J. Luper, pastor of The First Church of Sylacauga, Ala., brought a challenging message on the importance of teaching in the church.—Matthew 28: 19-20.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Huey Lacy.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON—NOVEMBER 5, 1966

After a wonderful lunch, the afternoon session opened with congregational led by Bro. L. E. Hudson.

Call for committee reports—All reports were adopted and committees were released. Rev. Ray Ritch gave a report on the State Association, which was received as information. He also urged each church to take an offering to help with expenses of the State Association and to send it to Rev. Willie Justice. Delegates to the State Association — Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Rev. Jimmy Sims, Mrs. Lizzie Hagen, Mrs. Linda Finch, Mrs. Deason, Mrs. Vivian Ratchford.

A rising vote of thanks was given to host church for their hospitality. The meeting was adjourned, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Sanford Hale.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEE	ASSOC. PROJECT	DISTRICT MISSIONS
Opelika	7.00	5.00	10.00
Dozier			
St. Mark	7.00		
White Rock	7.00	5.00	12.12
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
Luverne	7.00	5.00	18.40
Unity	7.00	5.00	5.00
Montgomery	7.00	5.00	10.00
Bethel			
TOTAL	\$49.00	\$30.00-\$79.00	\$67.52

Submitted by H. W. Grice, L. L. Cobb, Rufus Lawhorne, R. W. Milling, H. L. Parker, Mrs. Madonna Kimbro, and Mrs. Mae Lacy.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We recommend the postponement of writing the constitution and by-laws of this board until the State Association meets. Then our constitution will be in line with the State Constitution and By-Laws. Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. Sanford Hale, Bro. Elvie Warr.



## PROCEEDINGS

### EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT MISSIONS

Carried forward	\$250.60	
Nov. 5, 1966 Offering	67.52	
Total in Treasury	\$318.12	Rev. Sanford Hale, Treasurer

### ORDINATION COUNCIL

We recommend that certificates of standing be granted to Wynn Wright Davis and John F. Davis of Luverne, Alabama. We also recommend that a license to preach, for the period of one (1) year be granted to J. L. Jones of Luverne, Alabama.

Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Ray Ritch, Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

### SECOND QUARTER MEETING

Saturday Morning—February 11, 1967

The second quarterly meeting of East Alabama Association was held with First Church of Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting opened with hymn, "Victory In Jesus", by Bro. L. E. Hudson, Prayer by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Welcome by Rev. Huey Lacy. Devotional and testimony service by Rev. A. T. Byrd. The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Huey Lacy. Corresponding letters were received, read, and delegates were seated.

The committees were appointed by the moderator. (See committee reports).

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow brought the morning message, "Seven Great Wonders Of The Lord", using Revelation 15:3 as his text.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Ray Ritch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—February 11, 1967

We convened with congregational singing led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow; prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt. Devotional by Rev. Huey Lacy.

Committee reports were given at this time and all items were carried. The association also voted to have a Missionary Conference, the schedule to be worked out by the Sunday School and CTS Rally in March.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their wonderful hospitality. We adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by R. W. Milling.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. PROJECT	DISTRICT MISSIONS
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
White Rock	7.00	5.00	7.48
Bethel	7.00	5.00	5.00
Dozier	7.00	5.00	
Luverne	7.00	5.00	13.00
Unity	7.00	5.00	
Opelika	7.00	5.00	10.00
Montgomery	7.00	5.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$63.00	\$45.00	\$57.48

Submitted by R. W. Milling, Odessa Ledlow, Mattie Ruth Byrd, Pauline Allen, Rosa Lee Parker.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & C T S COMMITTEE

We urge each Sunday School C T S to work harder to build our Sunday School and C T S. We recommend each Church order kits from C T S Department to use in Bible Bowl, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Sword Drill. These contests will be used in Districts, State and National Associations.

Charlie Bannett  
Mrs. Joe B. Ledlow  
Mr. Oscar Wyatt  
Mrs. Flora Jackson  
Mrs. Lena Robbins

### ORDINATION COUNCIL

We, the ordination council, having questioned and found worthy, recommend that Joseph Thomason of Phenix City, and Rufus Rushing of Luverne, be ordained as deacons, and James L. Jones of Luverne be ordained as a minister of the gospel. We also recommend that Charles M. Allen of Opelika be granted a license to preach for the period of one (1) year. Charges were read by Rev. E. B. Ledlow. The Bible was presented by Rev. Walter Jones, prayer of consecration by Rev. Warren Waytt.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

cil, and a youth camp committee; (5) To discontinue Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee, remove its bylaws from the minutes; Board of Christian Education and its bylaws to replace it.

These recommendations adopted with the following amendment: To elect a General Board and then elect the Executive Board out of the General Board.

Rev. Huey Lacy, Chairman  
Rev. Warren Wyatt  
Rev. Rodger Milling  
Brother Charles Barnette

FINANCE—We, your Finance Committee make the following report:

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. PROJECT	EAST ALA. MISS
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	10.58
Bethel	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	10.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	20.00
TOTAL	\$96.00	\$40.00	\$52.58

Rev. Charles Allen, Chairman  
Linda Finch  
Charles Mc. Cawly

TEMPERANCE—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

Rev. J. L. Jones, Chairman  
Mrs. Peggy Warr  
Mrs. Pat Milling

SABBATH OBSERVANCE — We, the Sabbath Observance Committee, recommend that this committee be discontinued unless a need for it arises; to allow more time for other reports.

This recommendation did not pass and this committee will remain.

Rev. Sanford Hale, Chairman  
Brother Elvie Warr  
Brother Danny Thomas

DECEASED — We, the Deceased Committee, with deeper regret, report the following deaths—

St. James Church—Bro. Blanche Alberson	August 2, 1966
Sis. Osie Mae Jackson	August 10, 1966
Sis. Lulu Elizabeth Favors	August 18, 1966
Bro. William Frank Hagan	October 14, 1966
Bro. Charlie B. Harrelson	April 21, 1967

First Church, Opelika—Bro. Mason Giles  
Bethel Church—Bro. Linbergh Tolson

Bro. A. T. Byrd, Chairman  
Bro. R. C. Griffen  
Sis. Elsie Hale

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINATION COUNCIL—We, the Ordination Council, having examined Mr. L. L. Cobb of Luverne and Mike Nelson of Sylacauga, and having found the worthy, recommend they be licensed to preach the gospel for the period of one (1) year.

Rev. Sanford Hale, Chairman  
Rev. Walter Jones  
Rev. Warren Wyatt  
Rev. Ray Ritch  
Rev. Huey Lacy  
Rev. E. B. Ledlow  
Rev. J. B. Ledlow  
Rev. J. L. Jones  
Rev. A. T. Byrd

East Alabama Missions

Previous Balance	\$424.47
Offering August 12,	52.58
Total in Treasury	\$477.05

Delegates to State Convention — November 9-11, 1967 in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Gerald Kimbro  
Mrs. Martha Ledlow  
Mr. Charles Sample  
Mrs. Ruth Boone  
Mrs. Linda Finch  
Mrs. Lizzie Davis  
Mrs. Patricia Milling  
Mr. Leon Blackmon  
Mrs. Flora Jackson

### REPORT OF CLERK — TREASURER

Brought Forward	\$252.46
C.T.S. and Sunday School Fees	10.00
Associational Project	155.00
Fees	271.00
Offering for Youth Camp	22.16
Paint for Orphanage Water Tank	7.10
TOTAL	\$717.72

Paid Out	
Associational Project—Children's Home	\$155.00
Herald Press—Minutes	182.00
E. B. Ledlow—Youth Camp	62.16
Ala. State Convention Dues	35.00
Ala. State Sunday School and C.T.S. Dues	13.00
Randall Book Store	6.45
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$453.61

Report of the Board of Christian Education. We submit the following proposed by-laws for the Board of Christian Education.



# PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.

## ARTICLE I — PURPOSE

The purpose of this Board shall be to promote Church Training Service and Sunday School work in the East Alabama Association as a coordinating agency between District and State offices, and through conducting Youth Rallies, Teacher Training Conferences, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, etc.

## ARTICLE II — DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five directors as elected by the East Alabama District Association.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors shall be elected as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the District Association according to an arrangement whereby each member has a term of office for five years, and their terms so arranged that only one members term expires annually.

SECTION 3: In the event irregular vacancies occur on the Board of Directors between sessions of the District Association, such vacancies shall be filled by the General Board of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the East Alabama Association.

SECTION 4: An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held within ten days after each annual meeting of the East Alabama District Association, treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor, and the board shall have authority to create such other offices and elect officers thereto as it may deem necessary.

## ARTICLE III — SPECIAL MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the Chairman or upon the written request of three or more members of the board of directors, provided notices of such meetings are given at least five days in advance of such meeting.

SECTION 2: No member of the board of directors shall receive compensation except that expenses incurred in discharging official duties may be paid.

SECTION 3: A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board and absent members may represent by proxy provided such proxy is accompanied by a signed letter by said director.

## ARTICLE IV — DUTIES AND POWERS OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The board of directors shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the Board of Christian Education and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws or with the policy of the East Ala. Association for the management direction of the activities of the Board of Christian Education and guidance of its officers, employees and agents.

SECTION 2: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Board of Christian Education and shall have such powers and duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Directors and these duties and powers may be all the duties and powers of directors. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the executive committee shall be mailed to all directors within seven (7) days following such a meeting.

SECTION 3: The board of directors shall have the power to select from time to time a bank or banks as depository of funds of the Board of Christian Education and shall designate the person or persons authorized to sign checks thereon.

## ARTICLE V. — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The chairman shall (1) preside over all meetings of the board of directors; (2) Call special meetings of the board of directors; (3) Perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer (4) Sign the name of the Board of Christian Education of the East Ala. Association of Free Will Baptists by himself as chairman to all papers and documents as he may be authorized and directed by the board of directors. The chairman may perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

SECTION 2: In the absence or disability of the chairman, the assistant chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman. In case of death, resignation, or permanent disability of the chairman, the assistant chairman shall serve as chairman until the next meeting or special meeting of the board of directors.

SECTION 3: The secretary-treasurer shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the board of directors. He shall keep an accurate record of all transactions, business, obligations, funds and assets of the Board of Christian Education and shall give security in an amount to be affixed by the board of directors. He shall perform such duties as the board of directors may direct. Upon an election of his successor, the secretary shall turn over to his successor all books and other property belonging to the Board of Christian Education that may be in his possession.

SECTION 4: Any other officers elected to offices created by the board of directors shall perform such duties as may belong to such offices as may be required by the board of directors.

## ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1. Each Sunday School and each C.T.S. shall send 2 delegates for each S. S. & C. T. S.

SECTION 2 With a fee of \$2.50 for each S. S. and C.T.S. making a total of \$500 and a special offering shall be received at rally.

## ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the board of Directors called for that purpose by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board voting personally or by proxy, and provided that said amendments have been approved by the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.



## EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "Sowing Beside All Waters"—Isaiah 32:20

Friday Morning—March 17, 1967

The East Alabama District Womens Auxiliary Convention convened with the White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama.

The program was opened with song service and prayer.

Call to order by President, Mrs. Odessa Ledlow

Welcome Address; Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

Devotional was by Mrs. Odessa Ledlow.

Receiving of Letters

Appointment of Committees

Talk by Mrs. Minnie Atkinson on "Sowing"—Mark 4

Testimonies

"Sowing All The Time and Everywhere"—Mrs. Adgie Mae Elrod.

Prayer

Dismissed for lunch

Friday Afternoon—March 17, 1967

Congregational singing

Prayer

"Rewards of Sowing"—Mrs. Sanford Hale.

"How To Help Your Missionary" (group discussion)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### Appreciation—

We, the Appreciation Committee, submit the following report; We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful hospitality of White Rock Free Will Baptist Church, the delicious meal, and the wonderful messages brought to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Erma Brown

Mrs. Bettyo Neese

Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst

Mrs. Jennie Pyle

President ..... Nrs. Adgie Mae Elrod

Vicet President ..... Mrs. Minnie Atkinson

Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Betty Edwards

#### Nominating—

We, the Nominating Committee nominate for:

Mrs. Elsieo Hale

Mrs. Fannie Wyatt

Mrs. Betty Edwards

Mrs. Betty Whitehurst

Mrs. Minnie Brooks

Achievement Chart Winner: White Rock Church

Delegates to State Convention:

Mrs. Adgie Mae Elrod, Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, Mrs. Fannie Wyatt,

Mrs. Quillia Jackson, Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

#### FINANCE REPORT—

Brought Forward ..... \$48.25

White Rock ..... 12.50

St. James ..... 20.00

Unity ..... 6.25

#### PAID OUT—

State Convention Fees ..... \$37.00

Balance in Treasury ..... \$50.00

## DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

was held at WHITE ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
on Hi-way 80 in Phenix City, Ala.

March 17th and 18th, 1967

### FRIDAY:

Registration (5:30 Central Standard Time) 6:30 E.S.T.

Service began at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Song Service

Devotional and prayer

Special Music

Special Offering was received

An Inspiring Message by Rev. Damon Dodd of Homersville, Ga.  
was enjoyed by everyone present.

### Saturday Morning:

Service began at 10:00 A.M. E.S.T.

Song Service

Devotional and Prayer

Elimination Contest were held

1. Sword Drill ..... by Odessa Ledlow

2. Tic Tac Toe ..... by Mrs. Avis Tisdalet

3. Bible Bowl ..... by Mrs. Linda Finch

### Intermission

#### Song Service

Special Offering Received

Worship Service held with another inspiring Message by Rev. Dodd.

Lunch was servetd by the local Church.

### Saturday Afternoon:

Service Time began 2:30 P.M. E.S.T.

Declamations were conducted by ..... Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

### Finals:

1. Sword Drill

2. Tic Tac Toe

3. Biblet Bowl

Awards were givtn to the winners

The Fee's to be brought in was \$2.00 for each S. S. and \$2.00 for each C.T.S. thus making the total of \$4.00 Check were to be made to the Board of Christian Education of E. Ala. Assn.

The Host Church with the cooperation of St. James provided food fr the meals on Friday Evening and Saturday Morning.

There were about 80 that registeretd for the Rally

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

Luverne, Ala. Church

Mr. Lonnie Cobb, Luvertne, Ala.

St. James Church

William Larry Hagan,

104 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala.

White Rock Church

Mr. J. L. Edwards

1124 28th Avenue

Phenix City, Ala.

St. Mark Church

Danny Thompson

1011-11th Ave.

Phenix City, Ala.

### CHURCH TRAINING

#### SERVICE PRESIDENTS

Luverne, Ala. Church

Mr. Charles Simmons, Luvertne.

St. James Church

White Rock Church

Mr. M. S. Gardner

Rt. No. 4 Box 404

Phenix City, Ala.

St. Mark Church

Mr. H. L. Parketr

c/o St. Mark Church

11th St. & 11th Avet.

Phenix City, Ala.



Unity Church  
Mr. H. W. Grice  
Route 1  
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150  
Opelika Church  
Mr. Charles Allen  
Route 1 Box 135, Auburn, Ala.  
First Church-Montgomery  
Mr. Donnis R. Tisdale  
162 Woodland Drive  
Montgomery, Ala.

Unity Church  
Mr. Joe Davidson  
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150  
Opelika Church  
Mr. Horris C. Jackson  
Route No. 4 Box 160-C  
Opelika, Ala.  
First Church-Montgomery  
Ricky Sanders  
Dudale Drive  
Montgomery, Ala.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Turned over to me a check Made out to Rev. Damon Dodd for the balance that was in the Treasure of the Sunday School and Church Training Service.

on the Expenses of Bro. Dodd	\$17.13
Offetring receivtd at T.N.T. Rally	
on Friday Evening March 17, 1967	9.87
From St. James Free Will Baptist S.S. & C.T.S.	4.00
From First FWB Church S.S. & C.T.S. of Opelika, Ala.	4.00
First FWB Church S.S. & C.T.S. of Montgomery, Ala.	4.00
Total Receivtd on 3-17-67	\$39.00
Receivtd on 3-18-67	
Unity F W B Church S.S. & C.T.S. Sylacauga, Ala.	4.00
White Rock F W B Church S.S. & C.T.S. Phenix City	4.00
First F W B Church S.S. & C. T. S. of Luverne, Ala..	4.00
Special Offering on 3-18-67	9.46
St. Mark F W B Church S.S. & C. T. S. Phenix City, Ala.	4.00
Total Received	\$64.46
Love Offering for Rev. Damon Dodd	\$38.65
Bal in Treas.	\$25.81
Paid 5-2-67 Rev. Charles Hollingshead (Fetes)	\$14.00
Bal. in Treasure	\$11.81
Paid out for Printed Name Checks	\$2.03
Bal. in Treas.	\$9.78
Paid Board of Christian Education of State	
Contestant fee	\$4.00
Balancet in Treas.	\$5.78

Rev. Walter E. Jones elected Chairman and Sec. and Treas. of Board of Christian Education of East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist.

Rev. Warren Wyatt was elected assistant Chairman

### CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

3. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in the administrative of the Lord's Supper.

4. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be

his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of minutes of the Church.

5. When a new Clerk is appointed, all books, etc. belonging to the Clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

6. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

7. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows:

1 Prayer (unless divine service has been conducted). 2. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us. 3. Open doors of the church for reception of members. 4. For acknowledgements. 5. For references 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 second, but not allowed to vote.

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

10. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present but unreasonable objects shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

11. No member shall be expelled unless he has 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 a all improtant questions without a move and a second and in all important questions the votes shall be taken by rising on their feet.

16. No other motion shall be considered while previous motion and second is before the Conference.

17. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to be absent from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation of whispering without being subject to be called by the Moderator.

19. All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good faith; 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 unseasonably long.

21. When the Moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother in his stead.

22. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

23. It shall be the rule of the Church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing at least four times a year and the expenses are to be paid by the Church.

24. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

25. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

26. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

27. Association recommended that this association not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes.

28. Any member who is absent from his church for six months shall be placed on inactive roll until he returns and proves himself to satisfaction of the church.

#### BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegate to the Association, who shall present him self with proper evidence of their rights to seat therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be over-ruled.

6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried

on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the 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, 2 Cor. 1:19, 1 Tim. 6:17.

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

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

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Psal. 19:1-2, Psal. 145:10, Acts 17:28, Psal. 22-23.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before to 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 Col. 2:8-10, Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13, Isa. 9:6.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1.



Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin hearty renunciation of it. 2 Faith or he unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10, Acts 16:31, Jr. 3:36, 2 Cor. 7-10, Pro. 28:13, Psa. 51:3, Acts 17:30, Heb. 11-1-6. Rev. 2:10, Jn. 15:9.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. Rom. 9:11, Rom. 11:5-7-28,

10. Freedom of the Will. Human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish. Rev. 22-17, Jn. 11:12.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. 2 Cor. 13:14, Matt. 11:28, Isa. 45:22, Rev. 22:17, I Tim. 2:4.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perservere 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, M. 1:5, Rom. 6:4, Matt. 26:26-28, I 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." (I Cor. 16:2)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3, Mk. 2:27, Ex. 20:8-11, Neh. 9:14, Lk. 24:1-6.

16. Resurrection. Judgement and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Eccl. 12:7, Phil. 1:23, Lk. 23:43, Matt. 17:3, Matt. 10:28, Acts 1:11, Matt. 28:6, Jn. 5:28, 29. Acts 24:15, I Cor. 15:22, Acts 17:31, I 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.

Church	Total Membership	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic Work	Building and repair	Literature	Other	Total spent for local causes	Cooperative plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational projects	State and National Projects	Other	Total spent for outside causes	Total expenditures Value of Church	Property Value of parsonage	
St. James Church Phenix City, Alabama	283	1	7	7	8	5	0	3,510.00	200.00	1,276.30	499.91	4,253.58	9,739.79	36.00	389.24	307.65	158.50	631.60	61.08	20.00	0	239.00	1,843.07	11,582.86	30,000.00	10,000.00
White Rock Church Phenix City, Alabama	81	6	1	2	1	0	0	1,770.00	174.91	3,052.45	361.31	2,166.19	5,384.18	684.12	35.27	27.00	6.00	25.00	0	20.00	15.00	180.09	992.48	6,376.66	20,000.00	0
St. Mark Church Phenix City, Alabama	131	15	23	0	4	0	0	4,174.06	254.00	1,296.10	312.47	2,537.45	8,574.08	0	53.40	0	0	50.00	30.00	27.00	0	24.00	184.40	8,773.48	20,000.00	7,000.00
Unity Church Sylacauga, Alabama	81	9	8	1	4	0	0	3,050.00	95.00	1,775.75	308.18	919.83	6,148.76	0	123.29	110.51	135.34	314.48	84.51	20.00	0	71.50	859.63	7,008.39	50,000.00	8,000.00
First Church Montgomery, Alabama	58	1	21	1	8	0	1	68.83	0	194.77	8,862.04	9,125.64	41.50	100.06	198.64	38.50	38.51	11.58	20.00	26.00	110.29	585.00	9,710.64	55,000.00	15,000.00	
First Church Opelika, Alabama	83	0	2	0	4	1	0	1,820.00	125.00	4,450.00	281.69	1,363.91	8,040.60	408.71	16.04	16.05	0	157.00	0	20.00	0	86.09	689.89	8,739.49	20,000.00	0
First Church Luverne, Alabama	65	16	17	3	4	0	0	1,200.00	90.88	300.00	186.48	543.74	971.10	196.62	0	12.00	25.00	0	0	0	0	233.62	1,204.72	0	0	
Bethel Church Phenix City, Alabama	19	2	3	0	1	1	0	520.00	0	1,105.11	38.78	790.54	1,459.43	0	18.00	18.00	0	30.00	20.00	0	28.00	114.00	1,583.43	5,500.00	0	
First Church, Dozier, Alabama																										



## 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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions 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 obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying 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.