

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist



Minutes 1969

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 report.

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 OFFICERS OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1969-1970

Moderator	Rev. Huey Lacy
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Walter Jones
Clerk	Guynette Barnett
Assistant Clerk	Carolyn Barnett

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Chairman	2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Rev. Rodger Milling, Clerk	502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala.
Rev. Warren F. Wyatt	Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala.
Rev. Walter E. Jones	2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala.
Rev. Paul Weaver	3810 Robbins Rd., Montgomery, Ala.

BOARDS

GENERAL — This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Alabama Association. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Walter E. Jones, Rev. Warren F. Wyatt, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Paul Weaver, Rev. Donald H. Grice, and Rev. Huey Lacy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Rev. Walter E. Jones, Chairman; Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Donald Grice.

ORDINATION COUNCIL — Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Walter Jones, Bro. Charles Barnett.

TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME — Bro. D. L. Milling.

EAST ALABAMA MISSIONS.— Rev. Rodger Milling.

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE — Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Walter Jones.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1969-70

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — Nov. 1, 1969 at St. Mark FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling, Ala. State Association, Nov. 6-7-8, 1969 at Florence Church, Florence, Ala. Alabama State Youth Rally —

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — Feb. 14, 1970 at White Rock FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. Moderator — Rev. Donald Grice.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL and CTS CONVENTION — Friday night, March 13 and Sat. March 14, 1970 at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION — Sat. April 18, 1970 at Opelika FWB Church, Opelika, Ala.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — May 9, 1970 at Opelika FWB Church, Opelika, Ala. Moderator — Rev. Warren Wyatt.

ANNUAL MEETING — "Thirteenth" — August 8, 1970 at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

MINISTERS AND CLERKS

UNITY FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Donald Grice, Pastor
 804 West Pine St.
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Rev. J. O. Franklin
 1010 Louisville Ave.
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Rev. Mike Nelson
 Rt. 4, Box 414
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Linda Finch, Clerk
 Rt. 4, Box 414
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

WHITE ROCK FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor
 Rt. 3, Box 227
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Rev. Pickett Knighton
 1610 21st St.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, Clerk
 Rt. 4, Box 417
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867

BETHEL FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Rodger Milling, Pastor
 502 30th St.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. June Hayes, Clerk
 Rt. 2, Box 876
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867

FIRST FWB CHURCH OF LUVERNE
 Rev. J. L. Jones, Pastor
 107 Forest Ave.
 Luverne, Ala. 36049
 Rev. L. L. Cobb
 Westdale Apts.
 Luverne, Ala. 36049
 Rev. Chester Best
 Luverne, Ala. 36049
 Mrs. Nancy Blackmon, Clerk
 608 Hawkins Ave.
 Luverne, Ala. 36049

ST. MARK FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Joe Ledlow, Pastor
 2106 17th Ave.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Rev. G. T. Holliman
 1415 14th St.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Voncile King, Clerk
 1219 23rd Court
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867

ST JAMES FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Walter Jones, Pastor
 2011 2nd Ave.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Peggy Warr, Clerk
 2742 Hilyer Dr.
 Columbus, Ga. 31907

OPELIKA FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor
 1914 2nd Ave.
 Opelika, Ala. 36801
 Rev. Sanford Hale
 104 17th Place
 Opelika, Ala. 36801
 Rev. Charles Allen
 Cox Road
 Auburn, Ala.
 Mrs. Mollie Howard, Clerk
 P. O. Box 262
 Opelika, Ala. 36801

MONTGOMERY FWB CHURCH
 Rev. Paul Weaver, Pastor
 3810 Robbins Road
 Montgomery, Ala. 36109
 Mrs. Bessie Carr, Clerk
 3908 Johnston Dr.
 Montgomery, Ala. 36109

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 2, 1968

The first quarterly meeting was held at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, Alabama. Rev. Donald Grice led the singing. Prayer by Rev. Rodger Milling.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter Jones, who called for letters from each church. Letters were turned over to the credential committee.

Morning Devotional was brought by Rev. Joe Ledlow using Daniel 10: 2-8.

The moderator welcomed all visitors to the quarterly meeting.

Rev. Walter Jones asked all pastors to meet at lunch to arrange for revivals at different churches.

The credential committee gave its report and delegates were seated.

Committees were appointed by the moderator. (See committee reports.)

The morning message was brought by Rev. Huey Lacy, "Help My Unbelieve" Scripture Mark 9:23-24. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Paul Weaver.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 2, 1968

The afternoon session began with singing led by Carolyn Barnett. Prayer by Mike Nelson.

Committee reports called for. These were given and accepted as read. A rising vote of thanks was given to host church for the wonderful lunch. Motion made to adjourn at this time. Dismissed in prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. PROJECT	DISTRICT MISSIONS
Unity	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	\$
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
White Rock	7.00	5.00	10.15
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
Montgomery	7.00		
Luverne	7.00	5.00	5.00
Opelika	7.00	5.00	17.00
TOTALS	\$56.00	\$40.00	\$54.15

As submitted by Charles Barnett, Chairman, J. W. Thomason, Charles Allen, Rev. Mike Nelson, Johnnie Burdshaw.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the business committee, recommend we send a committee to Luverne and Dozier to talk to them about staying in the association until they have three churches to form an association and meet with us at our yearly meeting.

Bro. Horace Burgus stated that the Luverne and Dozier churches plan to meet Sunday afternoon, November 3, 1968 at 3:00 p.m. The moderator appointed a committee to go to Luverne. Appointed were Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Joe Ledlow or someone from his church, Rev. Warren Wyatt or one of his deacons and Rev. Rodger Milling.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND

August \$708.20
Received 54.15

Total in Treasury \$762.35

As submitted by Rev. Rodger Milling, Treasurer

PROCEEDINGS

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — FEBRUARY 8, 1969

The second quarterly meeting was held at White Rock FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. The congregational singing was led by Rev. Donald Grice. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Jones.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Rodger Milling.

The corresponding letters were received. The moderator appointed Rev. Joe Ledlow to read the letters. The letters were read and delegates were seated. Prayer by Rev. Paul Weaver. The moderator appointed committees. (See committee reports.)

The morning message was given by Rev. Meed from Calvary FWB Church of Columbus, Ga., scripture from book of Acts. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Charles Barnett

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 8, 1969

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. The prayer was by Bro. Thompson.

The moderator called for committee reports.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

We the business committee recommend that a committee be appointed to go to Prattville, Ala. and Alex City, Ala. to see about starting a mission in these towns, the general board being the district mission board. We also recommend that Bro. James Hall be questioned and, if worthy, be ordained as a deacon.

Bro. U. Z. Hail, Chairman

The following reports received as information:

Rev. Rodger Milling gave a report on the youth camp, and asked that each church send \$15.00 to the clerk. The clerk will send it to the youth camp treasury, plus \$5.00 from the Association treasury.

Rev. Joe Ledlow gave a report on home missions at Decatur.

EAST ALA. MISSION

Nov. balance \$762.35
Received 45.30

Total \$807.65

Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on the committee that went to the Dozier and Luverne churches. The church at Luverne stayed in the association but the Dozier church withdrew.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the credential committee find all reports in order.

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. EAST ALA. PROJECT	MISSION
Unity	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.95
Opelika	7.00	5.00	10.00
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
St. Marks	7.00	5.00	
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
Montgomery	7.00		
White Rock	7.00	5.00	6.35
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
TOTALS	\$56.00	\$40.00	\$45.30

It was moved and seconded to accept reports as read and release committees. It was then moved and seconded to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the wonderful lunch, and to adjourn dismissed in prayer.

By Rev. Joe Ledlow

PROCEEDINGS

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — MAY 10, 1969

The third quarterly meeting was held at First FWB Church in Montgomery, Ala. Rev. Walter Jones acted as moderator in Rev. Charles Allen's absence.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, who called for letters from each church. The letters were read and delegates seated. The moderator invited visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. The singing was led by Rev. Donald Grice.

Morning devotion was given by Rev. Walter Jones. Committees were appointed. (See committee reports.)

The morning message was given by Rev. Joe Ledlow, scripture Deuteronomy 16:16. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 10, 1969

The afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Donald Grice followed by the Prayer by Rev. Paul Weaver.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

We, the business committee, urge each church to support the East Alabama mission program on the 10c per week plan. We also urge each church to send \$15.00 for the youth camp to the clerk.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

February balance \$807.65
Received 45.60

Total \$853.25

It was moved and seconded that we receive Rev. Paul Weaver in our association.

ORDINATION COUNCIL:

We, the ordination council, have examined these, our Brothern, and agree to ordain them as deacons, Bro. Hurtis Carr, Bro. Horace Burgans and Bro. Chester Best, Jr.

We, the business committee, have examined Bro. L. L. Cobb and agree to ordain him to preach the gospel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. PROJECT	DISTRICT MISSIONS
Unity	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	\$
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
Montgomery	7.00		
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
White Rock	7.00	5.00	3.40
Opelika	7.00	5.00	20.20
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
Totals	\$56.00	\$40.00	\$45.60

REPORTS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION:

Children's Home — Rev. J. L. Jones gave report on children's home.

Alabama Home Mission — Rev. Joe Ledlow gave report on the Decatur mission.

A special offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$28.82

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Burdshaw.

PROCEEDINGS

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 9, 1969

The Twelfth Annual Session of the East Alabama Association was held at the First FWB Church in Opelika, Alabama.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Howard, with special singing by the group from the Opelika church. The meeting was called to order by moderator Rev. Walter Jones, who called for letters from each church. The letters were read and the delegates seated. Committees were appointed. (See committee reports.)

The Morning Message brought by Rev. Jimmy Sims, scripture 1 Corinthians 10:31. An invitation song was sung by the group from the Opelika church and the meeting was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Rodger Milling.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — August 9, 1969

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Revive Us Again," and special singing by all the young people at the association.

The following reports were received as information:

YOUTH CAMP:

The report on the youth camp was given by Rev. Rodger Milling. A special offering was taken for the youth camp in the amount of \$22.70.

It was moved and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch.

It was then moved and seconded to buy treaties for the association as soon as new ones come off the press.

Next it was moved and seconded to elect someone for the youth camp committee that could go to camp. Rev. Walter Jones was elected.

Finally it was moved and seconded to elect two men to replace Rev. Joe Ledlow and Rev. Huey Lacy on the ordination council. Rev. Walter Jones and Bro. Charles Barnett were elected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	ASSOC. PROJECT	EAST ALA. MISSION
Bethel	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	6.00
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Opelika	12.50	5.00	15.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00		
TOTALS	\$96.50	\$40.00	\$45.00

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the business committee, have a letter from Rev. J. L. Jones asking that we elect someone to replace him as trustee of the Children's Home. Bro. D. L. Milling was elected as trustee of the Children's Home. Rev. Rodger Milling, chairman, Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. Jimmy Whitehurst, Bro. Bill Bracy, Bro. J. W. Burdshaw.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

We, the ordination council, have examined Bro. Carey Wallis and recommend that he be licensed to preach for one year. We also recommend that Bro. Jackie Howard be licensed to preach for one year. We recommend that Rev. Jimmy Sims be given a certificate of standing. Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Joe Ledlow, Rev. Huey Lacy.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We, the sabbath observance committee, recommend that we be observant of the Sabbath Day and the Lord's Service. Rev. P. E. Knighton, Bro. Otis H. Lynn, Rev. G. T. Halliman.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee, recognizing Jesus as a perfect example so recommend to all christians to temper their lives so as to meet all situations and be victorious in him. Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. Horald Bracy.

DECEASED COMMITTEE

Bro. Paul Statham

Bro. Benefield

Sister Georgia Delany

Bro. Warner Alford

Date of birth Jan. 29, 1912
Date of death Jan. 17, 1969
Date of birth
Date of death Aug. 14, 1968
Date of birth
Date of death
Date of birth
Date of death

John 19:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God believe also in me; in my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am ye may be also.

Bro. Danny Thompson, Bro. Bill Goree, Sister Mary Hughes.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

Brought forward from 1968	\$218.92
Received for fees	276.50
Received for association project	160.00
Received for youth camp	90.00
Received from ladies auxiliary	10.00
Received love offering for Children's Home	22.82
Special offering for youth camp	22.70
Total received 1969	\$806.94

PAID OUT IN 1969

State Association fee	\$ 40.00
Minutes	183.75
Youth Camp	125.00
Children's Home	188.82
Guynette Barnett	40.00
Letter, forms and cards	15.00
Total Paid Out	\$592.57

Balance in Treasury \$214.37

Submitted by Guynette Barnett, treasurer

EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND

Previous balance	\$708.20
Received 1969	190.05

Total received \$898.25

Submitted by Rev. R. W. Milling, treasurer

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "Harvesting the Field"

The East Alabama District Women's Auxiliary Convention met at St. James FWB Church on Friday, March 21, 1969.

The opening song, "Old Time Power," was led by Rev. Mike Nelson.

The prayer was given by Mrs. Flora Jackson.

Devotional: Mrs. Adgie Mae Elrod, Acts 16:9-15.

Welcome Address: Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst

Response: Mrs. Juanita Wyatt

Letters were called for and were read by Mrs. Patricia Milling. Delegates were seated and committees appointed by Mrs. Elrod. (See committee reports.)

Special singing by Mrs. Elrod and Mrs. Linda Finch.

Harvesting the Field — Mrs. Linda Finch.

Special singing by Rev. Mike Nelson and Mrs. Elrod.

Prayer was given by Mrs. Elsie Hale.

Morning Message — Rev. Huey Lacy.

Dismissed for lunch by Mrs. Erma Brown.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 21, 1969

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Mike Nelson.

Skits, "The Christian Woman" and "It's Harvest Time," were given by St. James Auxiliary.

Personal Service — Mrs. Elsie Hale

What Can I Do? — Mrs. Peggy Warr.

Delegates to the state convention in June are Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, Mrs. Linda Finch, Mrs. Patricia Milling, Mrs. Betty Whitehurst is alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We would like to thank St. James Church in behalf of the convention for the privilege of meeting with them and for the fine hospitality and good food. We also want to thank the speakers and the singers on the program for the spiritual food we have received today. Mrs. Lollie Taylor, Mrs. Flora Jackson and Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We nominate the following officers for 1969-70: President, Mrs. Linda Finch; Vice President, Mrs. Mary Hughes; Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Wyatt; Field Worker, Mrs. Elsie Hale.

Submitted by Mrs. Elsie Hale, Mrs. Patricia Milling and Mrs. Erma Brown.

The convention received these reports and elected the officers.

The convention voted to send \$25.00 to Home Mission for the Decatur mission and Rev. Ledlow. We also voted to give East Alabama Association \$10.00 per year for having the minutes printed.

The convention voted to change their meeting time from March to the 3rd Saturday in April. Next meeting will be April 18, 1970 at First Church of Opelika. The District President is to be responsible for the program and morning speaker. The host church may put on a special program in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned and dismissed by Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

FINANCE REPORT

Brought forward	\$59.75
Received for fees	
St. James	20.00
White Rock	8.75
Opelika	16.00
Unity	10.00

Total Received 114.50

Paid out to State Convention \$42.00

Paid out to Decatur Mission 25.00

Paid out to East Alabama Association 10.00

Total Paid Out \$77.00

Balance in Treasury \$37.50

Submitted by Mrs. Juanita Wyatt, Secretary and Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPTS.

Unity
Joe Davidson, Supt.
714 West 4th Street
Sylacauga, Ala.
On Roll 81
Aver. Atten 68

First Church of Opelika
Mr. R. W. Bracy, Supt.
Route 4, Box 117
Opelika, Ala. 36801
On Roll 99
Average Attend. 81

St. James
Mr. Jimmy Lee Whitehurst, Supt.
1007 - 35th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
On Roll 90
Average Attend. 55

St. Mark
Mr. J. M. King, Supt.
1219 - 23rd Court
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

White Rock
Mr. L. C. Neese
1911 Rosemont Drive
Columbus, Ga.
On Roll 54
Average Attend. 35

Bethel
Mr. Idus Killingsworth, Supt.
Route 4, Box 328
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
On Roll 30
Average Attend 20

First Church of Luverne
Mr. Gabe Hall
Brantley, Ala. 36009

First Church of Montgomery
Mr. Gurtis Carr
3908 Johntown
Montgomery, Ala.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE
PRESIDENTS

Unity
Charles Barnett, President
600 - 6th Ave. S.W.
Childersburg, Ala.
On Roll 70
Average Attend. 65

First Church of Opelika
Mr. U. Z. Hale, President
Route 1, Box 46
Opelika, Ala. 36801
On Roll 79
Average Attend. 60

St. James
Mr. Ronnie Knighton, President
210 - 19th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
On Roll 50
Average Attend. 30

St Mark
Mr. Johnny Burdeshaw, President
501 - 28th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
White Rock
Mr. J. L. Edwards, President
1124 - 28th Ave.
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
On Roll 30
Average Attend 17

First Church of Luverne
Mr. Horace Burgans
Route 2
Luverne, Ala.

First Church of Montgomery
Mr. Charles Samples
1026 Avondale Road
Montgomery, Ala.

MINUTES OF THE 1969 S.S. & CTS CONVENTION
OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This rally was held on March 21st and 22nd, 1969 at St. James Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala. With 82 registering for the convention, services began about 7:30 p.m.

Sister Eloise DeLucca led the singing and Sister Lois Smith was the pianist. Special singing was presented by the Youth Choir of St. James Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Warren Wyatt led us in our opening prayer. Rev. Mike Nelson led the Devotion.

The main speaker for the Convention was Rev. Donald Grice, Pastor of Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Ala. He brought a wonderful message that touched each and every heart.

There was no Tic Tac Toe from any church except Unity, so they were our representatives to the State Convention. There were no Sword Drill or Bible Bowl contestants. Declamations were given by Kathy Davidson (Adventurer), Barbara Davidson (Herald for Christ), and Carolyn Barnett (Crusader). Kathy Davidson's topic was on "Son Go From Strange Lands." Barbara Davidson's topic was on "Burning Words" and Carolyn Barnett's topic was on "Does It Pay." Each one was very good and inspiring.

The Host Church did a wonderful job in taking care of the convention.

A motion was made that the youth meet on one day of A.E.A. Week. This was opposed. So the Youth will continue to meet on Friday night and Saturday morning during A. E. A. Week.

Nominated and elected moderator for the coming year, 1970, was Rev. Mike Nelson.

Barbara Davidson, Linda Brown and Carolyn Barnett were nominated for Secretary. Linda Brown was elected Secretary of the Convention.

Our next convention for the year of 1970 will be held at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama on Friday night and Saturday morning during A.E.A. Week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought Forward \$28.28
Received:

St. Mark by Cash \$5.00
First Church of Opelika (check) 5.00
St. James (check) 5.00
First Church of Luverne (check) 5.00
Bethel (check) 5.00
Unity (check) 5.00
White Rock (check) 5.00
First Church of Montgomery (check) 5.00

Total Received \$40.00
Grand Total \$68.28

Paid Outs:

Board of Christian Education of
State of Alabama by Check No. 105 \$12.00

Balance \$56.28

Report of Board of Christian Education of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Ch., Sec. & Treasurer
Rev. Warren Wyatt, 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 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. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Prayer (unless divine service has been conducted). Invite visiting brethren to sit with us. 3. Open doors of church for reception of members. 4. Acknowledgments. 5. References or deferred business. 6. Matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 7. Miscellaneous business. 8. Adjournment.
8. Visiting brethren who are called in as helps from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions or second motions, but will not be 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 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 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 recorded in the minutes in the church books.
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 being moved and seconded and all important questions must be moved and seconded and the vote taken by members rising to their feet.
16. No other motion shall be considered while a 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 particular cases.
18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a

sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to being 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 motion without permission of the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone 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 recommends 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 the 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 these 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. These delegates shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to their seats 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 statistics. Any body belonging to this association which fails 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 overruled.

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 as a whole.

8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion 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 anyone 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 discussion when not carried on in a christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone 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 the business section.

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 perferably one year after receiving his 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 must bear the expenses of the council.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Holy Bible. The Scriptures of the Old Testament 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; 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, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present savior and Lord. Isa. 45:21; Jn. 4:42; Rev. 22:13; 1 Jn. 5:20; 1 Tim. 3:16.

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

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires. Psalms 19:12; Psalm 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psalm 22:28.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psalm 5:15; Jn. 6:44.

7. The Work of Christ. The son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full, free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 2 Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13; Isa. 9:6

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10, Acts. 16:31, 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. 11:5-7-28; Rom. 9:11.

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

12. 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, is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; M. 1:5; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; John 13:1-17.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the 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 Scripture teaches the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Eccl. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; LK. 23:43; Matt. 17:3; Matt. 10:28; Acts 1:11; Matt. 28:6; JN. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 2:23; 2 Pat. 1:11; Mk. 3:29; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10; Acts 17:31.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE 1 — 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 Conference, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, etc.

ARTICLE II — DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of 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 member's 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 be represented 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 policy of the East Alabama 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 (7) days following such 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 IV — 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 East Alabama 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 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 officer elected to offices created by the board of directors shall perform such duties as may belong to such office 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. & C.T.S. making a total of \$5.00 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 or 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.

	St. Mark Phenix City	White Rock Phenix City	St. James Phenix City	Bethel Phenix City	First Church Luverne	First Church Opelika	Unity Church Sylacauga	First Church Montgomery
Total Membership	131	107	323	23	87	134	78	70
Received by Baptism	12	1	2	0	12	13	5	9
Received by letter	10	0	1	2	0	15	5	4
Received by statement	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2
Dismissed by letter	1	1	5	0	0	0	5	3
Deceased	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pastor's salary	\$ 5,740.08	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 1,200.00
Evangelistic work	289.10	115.00	260.00	384.59	142.00	363.00	133.00	150.00
Building & Repair	339.15	37.88	3,277.94	390.08	406.12	590.18	634.85	3,808.53
Literature	328.81	182.42	488.18	137.10	249.01	463.00	341.82	161.63
Other	2,175.03	2,231.26	3,941.54	381.82	3,371.00	2,800.00	523.11	2,978.24
Total spent for local causes	6,872.17	4,647.56	11,647.66	2,433.59	5,673.13	6,696.11	4,802.70	8,298.40
Cooperative plan	0	568.13	36.00	0	0	580.18	0	0
Foreign mission	54.00	28.00	331.12	0	0	51.50	96.81	0
Home mission	52.00	26.00	204.71	0	0	13.20	60.05	0
Education	50.00	5.00	60.00	0	0	0	60.05	0
Orphanage	110.00	68.00	1,051.70	200.00	187.50	160.00	192.84	0
Superannuation	60.00	0	69.14	0	0	0	60.05	0
Associational project	53.00	20.00	41.00	40.00	76.00	20.00	16.57	0
State & National project	50.00	15.00	22.50	0	0	26.10	25.00	0
Other	0	228.68	222.73	33.00	0	29.46	95.00	0
Total spent for outside causes	429.00	958.81	2,043.00	273.00	263.50	880.44	664.37	0
Total Expenditures	9,301.17	5,606.37	13,691.56	2,706.59	5,936.63	7,476.62	5,467.15	8,298.40
Value of church property	20,000.00	20,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
Value of parsonage property	7,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	8,000.00	15,000.00