

East Alabama Association

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*Free Will Baptist*



Minutes 1970

## 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.

## EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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### GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1970-71

Moderator.....Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Walter Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City 36867  
Clerk.....Guynette Barnett, 600 6th Ave. SW Childersburg, Ala., 35044  
Assistant Clerk.....Carolyn Barnett, 600 6th Ave. SW, Childersburg, Ala. 35044

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, chairman.....2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. Rodger Milling, clerk.....502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. Warren F. Wyatt.....Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. Walter E. Jones.....2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867

### BOARDS

GENERAL — This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Ala. Association. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Walter E. Jones, Rev. Warren F. Wyatt, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Charles Samples, Rev. Donald 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, and Bro. Charles Barnett.

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

EAST ALABAMA MISSION — Rev. Rodger Milling

YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEMBER — Rev. Donald Grice (voted in four years)

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1970-71

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — Nov. 14, 1970 at Unity FWB church, Sylacauga, Ala., Rev. Donald Grice, Moderator.

ALA. STATE ASSOCIATION — Nov. 5-6-7, 1970 at Winfield FWB Church State Youth Rally.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — Feb. 13, 1971 at First FWB Church, Opelika, Ala., Rev. Sanford Hale, Moderator.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION Fri. night and Sat., March 19-20, 1971.

DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY CONVENTION — Sat., April 17, 1971, at White Rock FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — May 8, 1971, at White Rock FWB church Phenix City, Ala., Rev. J. L. Jones, Moderator.

STATE SS and CTS CONVENTION.

ANNUAL MEETING — Fourteenth, August 14, 1971, at first FWB Church Luverne, 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  
Mrs. Vivian Ratchford, clerk  
39 Lakeside Dr.  
Childersburg, Ala. 35044

ST. MARK FWB CHURCH  
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, pastor  
2106 17th Ave.  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Mrs. Voncile King, clerk  
1219 23rd Court  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

BETHEL FWB CHURCH  
Rev. A. T. Byrd, pastor  
Rt. 2, Box 838 A  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Mrs. June Hayes, clerk  
Rt. 2, Box 876  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

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

WHITE ROCK FWB CHURCH  
Rev. Warren Wyatt, pastor  
Rt. 2 Box 227  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Rev. Rodger W. Milling  
502 30th Street  
Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Mrs. Betty Neese, clerk  
1911 Rosemont Dr.  
Columbus, Ga. 31907

FIRST FWB CHURCH 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. Myrtle Burgans, clerk  
Rt. 2  
Luverne, Ala. 36049

FIRST FWB CHURCH OPELIKA  
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. Molly Howard, clerk  
P. O. Box 262  
Opelika, Ala. 36801

FIRST FWB CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY  
Rev. Charles Samples, pastor  
Rev. Paul Weaver  
415 Perry Hill Rd.  
Montgomery, Ala. 36109

PROCEEDINGS  
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 1, 1969

The first quarterly meeting was held at St. Mark FWB Church in Phenix City, Ala. The meeting began with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Rodger Milling, who called for corresponding letters. Letters were received and read by Sister Milling and Bro. Burdeshaw moved and second to accept the letters as read. Moderator appointed business committee (SEE COMMITTEE REPORTS) Special singing was enjoyed by all done by a group of young people from St. James FWB church.

Rev. Huey Lacy brought morning message from the book of John. "You must believe". Short testimony service by Rev. Rodger Milling. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Paul Weaver.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 1, 1969

The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Edwards. Special singing by a group from Opelika FWB church. The moderator called for committee reports (SEE COMMITTEE REPORTS.)

Moved and second to take a special offering for the Montgomery church. Moved second to give St. Mark church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Moved and second to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joe Ledlow.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDRENS HOME	DISTRICT MISSION
Unity	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	5.00
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
White Rock	7.00	5.00	4.20
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
Montgomery	7.00		
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
Opelika	7.00	5.00	18.00
TOTALS	\$56.00	\$40.00	\$49.20

Reports received as information.

Rev. Joe Ledlow gave report on the mission work in Decatur, Ala.

Rev. Paul Weaver gave report on the Montgomery church where he is the pastor. A special offering was taken for the work in Montgomery. \$102.00

Rev. Huey Lacey, gave a report on the mission work in Alex City, Ala.

Rev. Rodger Milling gave report on East Ala. Mission.

## EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND

Previous Balance	\$898.25
Received Nov.	49.20
	\$947.45

Rev. Rodger Milling, treasurer

### PROCEEDINGS

#### SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

## SATURDAY MORNING — FEBRUARY 14, 1970

The second quarterly meeting was held at White Rock FWB church, Phenix City, Ala. The meeting began with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Hale.

The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Donald Grice. The moderator called for corresponding letters. Rev. Huey Lacey and Rev. Walter Jones read the letters and the delegates were seated.

Special singing by the group from Opelika FWB church.

The moderator appointed the business committee.

The morning message by Rev. Bobby Parker, pastor of Emmual FWB church, Columbus, Ga. Scripture reading, John 2:5.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Paul Weaver.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 14, 1970

The afternoon session began with special singing by Carolyn Barnett and Lynn Jones.

The moderator called for committee reports (SEE COMMITTEE REPORTS.)

Special singing by the group from Opelika FWB church. Testimony service by Rev. Donald Grice.

Moved and second to give rising vote of thanks to White Rock church for the wonderful lunch.

Moved and second to adjourn, closing with altar prayer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE** We, the business committee, recommend that each church in the East Ala. Assoc. who sends money to the Ala. Home Mission earmark it for the Montgomery work.

## THE FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Rev. Jimmy Sims gave report on mission work in Alex City, Ala. Rev. Walter Jones reported on youth camp that will be held at Camp Victory. Also asked that each church send \$15.00 to the clerk for youth camp. A special offering was taken. \$17.90 for youth camp.

Bro. D. L. Milling gave report on Children's Home and asked that each church send \$100.00 to help on the Supt. home that is to be built. Rev. Rodger Milling reported on East Ala. Mission. The mission board voted to pay rent and utilities for the mission in Alex City, Ala. for the next 3 months. Also voted to buy 25 folding chairs. We urge each church to send more money to the mission fund.

## EAST ALA. MISSION FUND

Brought Forward	\$947.45
Received Feb.	41.00
White Rock & St. James	27.54

\$1015.99

Paid Out For Mission	342.13
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Balance In Treasurer	\$673.86
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Submitted by Rev. Rodger Milling, Treasurer

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	MISSION
Unity	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	
Montgomery	7.00		
Bethel	7.00	10.00	\$10.00
Opelika	7.00	5.00	15.00
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
White Rock	7.00	5.00	4.60
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$56.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$41.60</b>

### PROCEEDINGS

#### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

## SATURDAY MORNING — MAY 9, 1970

The third quarterly meeting was held at Opelika FWB Church, Opelika, Ala. Rev. Rodger Milling acted as moderator for Rev. Warren Wyatt.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Prayer by Rev. Joe Ledlow.

Moderator called for letters from each church. Moved and second for Rev. Joe Ledlow and Rev. Walter Jones to read the letters. Moved and second to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. The moderator appointed the committees (see committee reports).

The morning message by Rev. Paul Weaver, scripture Issiah 6.

Testimony service by Rev. Rodger Milling.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Warren Wyatt.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 9, 1970

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Prayer by Rev. Sanford Hale. Afternoon devotion by Rev. Scott from Fla. Scripture, Romans 13:13.

Moderator called for committee reports (see committee reports).

Moved and second to give the host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Moved and second to adjourn. Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacey.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bro. D. L. Milling gave report on children's home. This report was received as information. The home is in need of a cook. The home bought a new bus and junked the old one. The home leased 40 acres of land to raise corn on to feed the stock. The house for Bro. Lambert should be started in about two weeks. They have remolded the church at the home.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Rev. Walter Jones urged every one to go to youth camp.

## DECATUR MISSION

Rev. Joe Ledlow reports the mission in Decatur is doing good and they hope to start a new work in Mobile, Ala. soon.

## EAST ALA. MISSION

Brought Forward	673.86	Paid Out For Rent March	\$60.00
received	10.00	For Rent For April	60.00
	\$683.86	Utilities For Alex City	20.00
PAID Out	233.63	Bought 25 Chairs For Miss.	93.00
Received May	450.23		\$233.65
1970	41.60		
	\$491.83		

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

No Business Brought Forward

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH NAME	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Bethel	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
White Rock	7.00	5.00	9.60
Unity	7.00	5.00	
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
St. James	7.00	5.00	12.00
Opelika	7.00	5.00	10.00
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
Montgomery	7.00		
	\$56.00	\$40.00	\$41.00

## PROCEEDINGS

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 8, 1970

The thirteenth annual session of the East Alabama Association of First Free Will Baptist held at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

Congregational singing and prayer was by Rev Raymond Ledlow. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Huey Lacy who called for letters from each church. It was moved and seconded for the moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Rev. Joe Ledlow and Rev. Donald Grice were appointed.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Jack Howard and the testimony service was led by Rev. Huey Lacy.

The moderator called for the reading of letters. It was moved and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. It was also moved and seconded for the moderator to appoint the committees (see committee reports.)

The Bethel Church provided special singing which was enjoyed very much.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Danny Thompson. "Just As I Am" was the invitational song with the dismissal prayer by Bro. Bob Hayes.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 8, 1970

The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Prayer was by Rev. Rodger Milling. Special singing was provided by a group from St. James Church.

The moderator called the conference to order and asked for committee reports. It was moved and seconded that they be accepted as read. (See committee reports.)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the business committee were asked to recommend that the youth camp board member send cards to each church asking them to send their \$15.00 youth money to the association clerk. Charles Allen, Bro. James Allen, Bro. Thompson, Sister Martha Caswell and Sister Vivian Ratchford are on the committee.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDRENS HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Bethel	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Unity	12.00	5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	10.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	3.87
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Luverne	14.00	5.00	
	\$98.00	\$45.00	\$35.87

We the finance committee ask for a move and second that each church make out checks separate for fees and childrens home or mission carried Bro. James Brown, Sis. Tilly, Sis. Betty Edwards, Sis. Hall. Bro. Ronnie Olson.

## DECEASED COMMITTEE

Name of deceased	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Rev. Warren Alford	?	July 1969
Bro. Lenard Hardy	August 15, 1901	Sept. 22, 1969
Bro. Oscar Wyatt	Oct. 23, 1898	Sept. 5, 1969
Sis. Sallie Jackson	May 1, 1885	Feb. 22, 1970
Sis. Docia B. Gilliland	Feb. 29, 1885	March 16, 1970
Sis. Ida Cannon		

We the deceased committee want every one to stand for silent prayer for the loved ones who have gone home. Bro. Robert Caswell, Sis. Fanny Whitehurst and Sis. Doris Richburg.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the temperance committee looking to Pauls writting in I Cor. 12:24 for our comely parts have no need; But God hath tempered the body together having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked therefore let us keep our bodies tempered together pure and holy and acceptable unto God. Sis. Dorothy Hendon, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, and Sis. Paulie Allen.

#### ORDINATION COUNCIL

We the ordination council have examined these our Brethren and recommend that they be ordained to preach the gospel. Rev. Danny Thompson and Rev. Jackie Howard and we Recommend that Bro. Harold Bracy be ordained as a deacon and Bro. Horace Burgans be licensed to preach for one year and that Bro. Carey Wallis licenses be renewed. Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Walter Jones, and Bro. Charles Barnett.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We the Sabbath Observance Committee would like to emphasize to everyone the importance of the Sabbath. We fail many times to observe this day as we should let us pray and strive to do better. Mark 2:27. Sis. Williams, Sis. Parker and Bro. Hayes.

#### EAST ALA. MISSION REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 898.25
Received	205.21
	\$1103.46
Paid	635.76
	\$ 467.70

Submitted by Rev. Rodger Milling

#### CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

Brought Forward	\$214.37
Received for minutes and fees	266.00
Received for Childrens Home	165.00
Special Offering for Montgomery	102.00
Special Offering for Youth Camp	30.90
Special Offering to help buy cow	15.27
Received for Youth Camp	75.00
	\$868.54

#### Paid Out 1970

State Association	\$ 40.00
Montgomery Church	102.00
Childrens Home	165.00
Guynette Barnett	40.00
Post Cards	2.00
Youth Camp	110.00
Printing Minutes & Deacons Cards	225.00
Bro. Milling for cow	15.27

Balance in Bank \$699.34  
\$169.20  
Submitted by Guynette Barnett

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Bro. D. L. Milling gave a report on Children's Home. The Home needs \$400.00 to send 39 children to Youth Camp.

Each trustee to the home is supposed to buy a cow for the home.

Moved and seconded to take a special offering today and send what is needed for Youth Camp and give the rest to Bro. Milling to help buy the cow. \$13.00 was sent to Youth Camp and \$15.27 was given to Bro. Milling.

Moved and seconded that each pastor go back to his church and take a special offering and send it to Bro. Milling to help buy a cow.

#### EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The East Alabama District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at First FWB Church of Opelika, April 18, 1970.

Devotional: Linda Finch, Scripture Matt. 24 and Gen. 6.

Welcome Address: Sis. Lacy

Response: Jewel Sims

Prayer: Sis. Lacy

Opening Song: "Work For The Night Is Coming"

Called for letters, Letters were read by Sis. Juanita Wyatt.

Delegates were seated, committees were appointed by Sis. Linda Finch (see committee reports)

Congregational Singing, We Need Prayer Warriors — Sis. Patricia Milling.

Prayer by Sis. Lane, Morning Message, Rev. Walter Jones, dismissed for lunch by Bro. James Brown.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18, 1970

We need Soul Winners — By Sis Sandra Bracy

Special singing by Quartet from Opelika Church, minutes were read and adopted. Committee reports were read and adopted. Delegates were appointed to State Convention at Montgomery in June.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the women of East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank our Brothers and Sisters in The First Free Will Baptist Church of Opelika for their wonderful hospitality, their kindness and delicious food that was prepared for the convention. The program, service and meal were marvelous and we praise the Lord for His help in making our convention a success, we again would like to thank the host church for all the effort and hospitality, Sis Lizzie Davis, chairman Sis. Lane, and Sis. Betty Neese.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Finch, president  
 Adgie Mae Deason, vice president  
 Patricia Milling, field worker  
 Juanita Wyatt, secretary and treasurer  
 Submitted by Sis. Elsie Hale, chairman, Sis. Erma Brown and Sis. Lora Cagle.

Delegates to State Convention — Patricia Milling, Jewel Sims, Elsie Hale, Fannie Whitehurst and Lizzie Davis, as alternate.

The following reports were given and accepted as information

Bible College Expansion — Rev. Walter Jones

Field Worker — Mrs. Elsie Hale

The 1970 district Auxiliary Convention will be held Sat. April 17, 1971 at White Rock Church in Phenix City, Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Juanita Wyatt.

## FINANCE REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 37.50
Received for Fees	
White Rock	8.75
Opelika Church	10.00
St. James Church	18.75
Unity Church	16.00
Received for student Loan Fund	5.00
Received for Pre-Thanksgiving	7.00
Total	\$103.00

Paid Out	
State Convention	\$43.00
East Alabama Association for Minutes	10.00
Student Loan Fund	5.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	7.00
Total Paid Out	\$65.00
Balance in Treasury	\$38.00

Juanita Wyatt, Treasure

DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY OF EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION  
OR S. S. AND C. T. S. CONVENTION

The rally was held at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga on March 13-14, 1970. Rev. Donald Grice, in the absence of Rev. Walter Jones, Chairman of Board of Christian Education, presided over the

Special singers from St. James Free Will Baptist Church and Unity Free Will Baptist Church. Congregational singing were "Jesus Hold My Hand", "Anywhere Is Home", "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". Singing by Barbara Davidson. Message was brought by Rev. Gerald Baxley, T. "Extremetists for Christ". Slides of the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp shown by Bro. Baxley.

There were no Tic Tac Toe contestants.

There were no Sword Drill contestants.

Declamations were given and 9-11 age group winner was Mona Ratcliff. Topic: "Songs From Strangelands". Age group 12-14 winner was Kathy Davidson - Topic, "All For Him - Christ".

Age group 15-17 winner was Barbara Davidson, Topic- "The Greatness of the Commission."

There was a move and a second to open the floor for nominations: President of the Youth Rally and James Earl Allen from St. James Church was elected. Linda Brown from St. Mark Church was elected Recording Secretary.

The Attendance Banner of East Ala. Association was presented to Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Ala.

Saturday Morning Message was brought by Rev. Gerald Baxley with special singing offered by a group from St. James Free Will Baptist Church.

Topic: "Teenagers - What's the Answer?" Scripture, Job 14-14 and St. Mark 9-42.

The following were represented by delegation or by fee:

## WHITE ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Phenix City, Ala.

S. S. Supt. L. C. Neese	J. L. Edwards, C. T. S. President
1191 Rosemont Drive	1124 28th Ave.
Columbus, Ga.	Phenix City, Ala. 36867

## UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Sylacauga, Ala.

Joe Davidson, S. S. Supt.	Charlie Barnett, C. T. S. Director
1714 West 4th Street	600 6th Ave., S.W.
Sylacauga, Ala.	Childersburg, Ala.

## ST. JAMES FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Phenix City, Ala.

James Earl Allen, S. S. Supt.	Ronnie Knighton, President
Route 5 - Box 728	210 19th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867	Phenix City, Ala. 36867

## ST. MARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Johnny W. Burdeshaw, S. S. Supt.	Ronald H. Olson, C. T. S. Pres.
501 28th Street	2156 Lamore Drive
Phenix City, Ala. 36867	Columbus, Ga.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward	\$56.28
Received from the following churches	
White Rock Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Unity Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
St. James Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Total received	\$20.00
Brought forward	56.28
Grand total	\$76.28

## Paid Outs:

Board of Christian Education of the	
State of Alabama (Contestant fees)	6.00
Balance	\$70.28

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. Psal. 19:12; Psal. 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psal. 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; 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 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 of 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 Sylacauga	First Church Montgomery
Total Membership	140	101	320	21	102	160	96	79
Received By Baptism	11	8	3	0	5	13	8	0
Received By Letter	5	4	0	2	12	14	7	26
Received By Statement	0	6	2	0	0	2	5	0
Dismissed By Letter	3	9	3	2	0	1	1	23
Deceased	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,920.08	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 4,020.00	1040.00	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 3,120.00	3,110.00	0
Evangelistic Work	291.70	125.00	235.00	0	50.00	430.00	170.00	0
Building & Repair	8,382.50	191.90	1,998.05	181.37	2,464.09	1,363.55	333.29	0
Literature	343.09	308.58	358.27	117.76	196.47	531.80	370.42	0
Other	2,453.72	4,124.33	3,013.08	378.79	1,100.31	1,142.08	1,123.41	0
Total Spent For Local Causes	17,391.09	6,829.81	9,624.40	1,717.92	5,205.87	6,587.43	5,107.12	0
Cooperative Plan	0	836.52	31.00	0	0	728.07	0	0
Foreign Mission	0	54.00	317.00	0	0	33.51	82.64	0
Home Mission	0	13.00	52.25	0	10.00	0	82.64	0
Education	0	15.00	78.00	0	0	30.00	82.64	0
Orphanage	154.34	82.50	670.00	140.00	55.00	120.00	220.71	0
Superannuation	60.00	0	24.22	0	0	0	82.64	0
Association Project	58.00	25.00	33.00	40.00	55.00	48.00	12.00	0
State & National Project	0	0	166.50	0	0	0	15.00	0
Other	0	48.27	228.00	33.00	0	0	51.00	0
Total Spent For Outside Causes	272.34	1,074.29	1,610.30	213.00	120.00	959.58	629.27	0
Total Expenditures	17,663.43	7,904.10	11,234.70	1,930.92	5,325.87	7,547.01	5,736.39	0
Value Of Church Property	35,000.00	20,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
Value Of Parsonage Property	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	8,000.00	15,000.00

Information Not Available

## 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.