

H. M. GRIFFIN

East Alabama Association

— of —

Free Will Baptist



Minutes 1971

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.

FOR YEAR 1971-72

Moderator Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, 2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Assistant Moderator . Rev. Walter Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Clerk Guynette Barnett, 600 6th Ave. SW, Childersburg, Ala. 35044
Assistant Clerk Shirley Grice, 804 West Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Donald Grice, Chairman 804 West Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Rev. Joe Ledlow 2106 17th Ave, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Rodger Milling, Clerk 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Warren Wyatt Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Walter 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 Wyatt, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Charles Samples, Rev. Donald Grice, and Rev. Huey Lacy.

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

ORDINATION COUNCIL — Rev. Huey Lacy, Chairman; Bro. H. W. Grice, Rev. Charles Allen, Rev. Walter Jones, and Rev. J. L. Jones.

EAST ALA. MISSION — Rev. Rodger Milling

TRUSTEE OF CHILDRENS HOME — Rev. Rodger Milling

YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEMBER — Rev. Donald Grice (voted in four years, three years to go)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1971-72

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — Nov. 6, 1971 at Opelika FWB Church Opelika, Ala., Rev. Charles Allen, Moderator.

ALA. STATE ASSOCIATION — Nov. 11-12-13, 1971 at Pleasant Grove FWB Church, Pleasant Grove, Ala.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — Feb. 12, 1972 at Luverne FWB Church Luverne, Ala., Rev. J. L. Jones, Moderator.

DISTRICT S.S.&C.T.S. CONVENTION — Fri. night and Sat. of AEA week, at St. Mark FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION — Sat. April 15, 1972 at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — May 13, 1972 at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Huey Lacy, Moderator.

ANNUAL MEETING — Fifteenth, — August 12, 1972, at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala., Rev. Joe Ledlow, Moderator.

MINISTERS AND CLERKS**ST. JAMES FWB CHURCH**

Rev. Walter Jones, Pastor
2011 2nd Ave.
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Clerk
3635 Miller Rd.
Columbus, Ga. 31904

UNITY FWB CHURCH

Rev. Donald Grice, Pastor
804 West Pine St.
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Mrs. Erma Brown, Clerk
Rt. 2
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Rev. J. O. Drummond
Talladega, Ala.
Rev. J. O. Franklin
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Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

WHITE ROCK FWB CHURCH

Rev. Warren Wyatt, Pastor
Rt. 3 Box 227
Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Mrs. Betty Neese, Clerk
1911 Rosemont Dr.
Columbus, Ga. 31904
Rev. Alton Sellers
Rev. Rodger Milling

OPELIKA FWB CHURCH

Rev. Huey Lacy, Pastor
1914 2nd Ave.
Opelika, Ala. 36801
Mrs. Lollie Taylor, Clerk
3925 Pepperell Parkway
Opelika, Ala. 36801
Rev. Sandford Hale
104 17th Pl.
Opelika, Ala. 36801
Rev. Charles Allen
Rt. 1, Box 135
Auburn, Ala.
Rev. Jackie Howard
307 22nd St.
Opelika, Ala. 36801

LUVERNE FWB CHURCH

Rev. J. L. Jones, Pastor
Hawkins Ave.
Luverne, Ala.
Barbara Kennedy, Clerk
26 Eastdale Apts.
Luverne, Ala.
Rev. L. L. Cobb
Rev. Chester Best, Sr.
Rev. Horace Burgans

ST. MARK FWB CHURCH

Rev. Joe Ledlow, Pastor
2106 17th Ave.
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Mrs. Voncile King, Clerk
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Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Danny Thompson
Rev. Hallman

BETHEL FWB CHURCH

Rev. A. T. Byrd, Pastor
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Bro. J. T. Smith, Clerk
Rt. 5, Box 620
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

MONTGOMERY FWB CHURCH

Rev. Charles Samples, Pastor
1026 Avondale Rd.
Montgomery, Ala.
Rueal A. Russell, Clerk
Rt. 1, Box 232
Millbrook, Ala. 36054

PROCEEDINGS FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 14, 1970

The first Quarterly meeting was at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, Ala. Bro. Charles Barnett led the singing. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. Meeting was called to order by Rev. Donald Grice, moderator.

The moderator called for letters from each church. The moderator appointed Bro. Charles Barnett and Rev. Huey Lacy to read the letters. Letters were read and approved. Morning devotion was given by Rev. Sandford Hale. The Moderator appointed committees. (see committee reports).

Rev. Joe Ledlow, chairman of the executive committee, recommended to the East Ala. Association that the following sentence be added prior to No. 20 of the by-laws, "all ordination service for deacons and ministers shall be administered only by the Ordaining Council". It was moved and seconded to table this item of business until the afternoon. Special singing by a group of young people from St. James FWB Church was enjoyed by everyone. Different ones gave reports on the State Association reporting it was the best one ever held. The Morning Message was by Rev. Ronnie Knighton, scripture reading Phil. 3:13-14. It was moved and seconded to adjourn until after lunch, prayer was by Rev. Charles Samples.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 14, 1970

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Charles Barnett. Special singing was by The Soul Seekers from Phenix City, and a group from Opelika.

Call for committee reports (see committee reports). Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks. Moved and seconded to adjourn until next meeting. Prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1 — We, the business committee, recommend that the number of copies of minutes be reduced from 250 to 125 due to the finance status of the treasury at this time. (Opposed)

2 — Moved and seconded to receive a special offering to help on the minutes and take this up at next meeting. Each pastor go back to his church and decide on the amount to be sent for minutes. So carried. Special offering was \$31.85.

3 — We, the business committee, recommend that the chairs and piano belonging to the East Ala. Association District Mission be loaned to the Ala. State Mission at Mobile, Ala. until such time as East Ala. Association needs them or the State obtains their own. Moved and seconded to loan the chairs and piano. Bro. Charles Barnett said he will carry the chairs to Mobile and go back and get them when needed. (Carried).

4 — Item of business from morning session. We, the business committee do not recommend the change in No. 20 of by-laws. It would take away the freedom of the local church. Moved and seconded to drop this item of business at this time. (Carried). Bro. Ronnie Olson, Bro. Ralph Clawson, Bro. Bill Guthrie and Bro. H. W. Grice.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEE	CHILDRENS HOME	MISSION
Montgomery	\$7.00	\$5.00	
St. Mark	7.00	5.00	
St. James	7.00	5.00	\$12.00
Unity	7.00	5.00	
Opelika	7.00	5.00	17.00
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
White Rock	7.00	5.00	15.47
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$56.00	\$45.00	\$54.47

Submitted by Bro. James Brown, Bro. Gary Knight, Bro. Richburg and Sis Lollie Taylor.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought Forward	\$467.70
Received in November	54.47
	\$522.17

Submitted by Rev. Rodger Milling.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT We, the Ordination Council, recommend that Bro. Ronnie Knighton be licensed to preach gospel for one year. Rev. Sandford Hale, Rev. Walter Jones, and Bro. Charles Barnett.

PROCEEDINGS
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 13, 1971

The second quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at First FWB Church in Opelika, Ala. The meeting began with congregational singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn. Meeting called to order by Moderator Rev. Sandford Hale. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Jones. Welcome by Rev. Huey Lacy. Devotion by Rev. Sandford Hale. Moderator called for letters from each church. Letters received. Voted that Rev. Donald Grice and Rev. Warren Wyatt read the letters. Congregational singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn. Montgomery church not having a letter, it was moved and seconded to let one of the delegates from Montgomery give report and the letter be sent later. Montgomery had 4 delegates and one to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

The Moderator asked each pastor to choose a delegate from his church for business committee (see committee reports).

Morning Message brought by Rev. Charles Allen. Scripture Matt. 28:18-20. Bro. Hale asked for testimony. Dismissed for lunch. Prayer by Rev. Grice.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — FEBURARY 13, 1971

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn, prayer by Rev. Donald Grice. Called for committee reports (see committee reports). Moved and seconded that the association project be left up to each church if they want to give OK. (Carried). Moved and seconded we receive an offering for children's home. \$47.00 was received. Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. L. Jones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1 — We the business committee, recommend that the fees be increased to \$12.00 per quarter. We also recommend that the churches who did not send \$12.00 today send the balance to the clerk as soon as possible. (Carried).

2 — We ask each church to be careful in making out checks for fees and children's home to avoid delay in cashing. (Carried)

3 — We recommend that the moderator have the power to appoint someone to fill any office vacancy at the association until the person holding that office gets there. (Carried) Bro. Bill Bracy, Bro. James Brown, Bro. Jeff Keeter, Bro. Pat Clawson, Rev. Rodger Milling, Bro. Owens and Bro. Andrews.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordination Council, having examined Bro. Don Hartzog recommend that he be ordained to preach the gospel. Rev. Joe Ledlow will give the charge. We also recommend that Rev. J. O. Drummonds be given a certificate of standing from this association. We also recommend that Bro. Earnest Duke be licensed at S.S. and CTS convention March 19, 1971. Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Huey Lacy and Bro. Charles Barnett.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Unity	\$12.00	\$ 5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	\$15.00
St. Mark	12.00		
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	10.00
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	7.00	5.00	
TOTALS	\$86.00	\$40.00	47.00

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Brought forward	\$522.17
Received Feb.	47.00

\$569.17

REPORTS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Bro. Hale gave report on children's home. Bro. Walter Jones gave report on Christian board of education. Bro. Ledlow gave report on Mobile and Decatur missions.

PROCEEDINGS
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY MORNING — MAY 8, 1971

The third quarterly meeting was held at White Rock FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. Rev. Walter Jones was Moderator in absence of Rev. J. L. Jones. Conference opened with singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Moderator called for letters from each church. Rev. Donald Grice and Rev. Huey Lacy were appointed to read the letters. Moved and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Moved and seconded to appoint committee. (See committee reports) Special singing by group from Opelika. Morning Message was brought by Rev. Alton Seller. Scripture Rom. 1:21—Heb. 5:12.

Unity FWB Church requested that Bro. Leonard Horn be licensed to preach. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Huey Lacy.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 8, 1971

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice, Prayer was by Rev. Don Hartzog. Rev. Joe Ledlow gave report on Decatur and Mobile missions.

Rev. Sandford Hale gave report on children's home. Moved and seconded for the association to vote concerning the licenses to operate the children's home. The association voted to give Bro. Lambert the right to sign whatever he has to to get license, to operate the home. Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Rev. Donald Grice gave report on youth camp. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Charles Allen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Rev. Sandford Hale gave report on children's home. The state is forcing Bro. Lambert to sign a paper saying he will except colored children at the home.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Rev. Donald Grice gave report on youth camp.

MISSION REPORT

Rev. Joe Ledlow gave report on Decatur and Mobile missions.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the business committee had no business turned in to us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	MISSION
Montgomery	\$12.00	\$5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00		
St. James	12.00	5.00	\$12.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	10.00
Luverne	12.00		
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	7.00	10.00	10.00
TOTALS	\$91.00	\$35.00	\$32.00

EAST ALA. MISSION

Brought forward	\$569.17
Received May	32.00
	\$601.17

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordination Council recommend that Bro. Leonard Horn be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Rev. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Sandford Hale, Rev. Walter Jones, Bro. Charles Barnett, Rev. Donald Grice, in absence of Rev. J. L. Jones.

PROCEEDINGS
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 14, 1971

The fourteenth annual session of East Ala. Association of FWB was held August 14, 1971 at Luverne, Ala.

Conference opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Jones. Moved and seconded for meeting to come to order. Rev. Joe Ledlow, the moderator, read some scripture Psalms 46; prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. Called for letters from each church. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Rev. Walter Jones, and Rev. J. L. Jones were appointed.

Moved and seconded to except the letters as read and seat the delegates. Montgomery not having a letter, the clerk is to write and ask them to send a letter. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint committees. (See committee reports). Devotion by Rev. Joe Ledlow. Special singing by the group from Opelika. Morning Message, Rev. Horace Burgans. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Walter Jones.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 14, 1971

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Moderator called for committee reports. (See committee reports). All reports were read and approved.

Moved and seconded to receive a special offering for youth camp. \$33.00 was received. There was no other business. Moved and seconded to elect officers for another year. Delegates to state association: Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Lizzy

Davis, Sis. Jane Allen, Bro. and Sis. Ron Olson, Mrs. H. W. Grice and Sis. Ledlow. Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Donald Grice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1 — We, the business committee, recommend that a committee go to the Montgomery church and see if they need help.
- 2 — We, the business committee, want to thank Bro. Hale for his faithful work for the children's home and we except his resignation.
- 3 — We, the business committee, recommend that Rev. Rodger Milling be appointed as trustee to the children's home.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

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. Bro. William Rhodes, Rev. Charles Allen and Bro. James Earl Allen.

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the deceased committee submit the following report: Bro. W. C. Ross, born March 10, 1899 died Oct. 26, 1970; Bro. W. D. Garner, born Sept. 23, 1917 died Feb. 26, 1971; Sis. Bessie Cooper died Nov. 1970; Sis. Nancy Deal Bess, born July 22, 1888 died Dec. 1, 1970; Mrs. Omie L. Short, born August 20, 1900 died April 14, 1971; Mrs. Lois Saxon (Smith), born Sept. 28, 1894 died June 22, 1971; Submitted by Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Betty Olson and Bro. Vernon DeFee.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the temperance committee, looking to the book of Exodus 30:35 "And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: "Our bodies are the temple of God, let us take care of them." Sis. Maggie Peppin, Sis. Gladys Clawson, and Sis. Martha Caswell.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	MISSION
Opelika	\$12.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	10.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00	10.00	10.00
Montgomery			
TOTALS	\$84.00	\$40.00	42.00

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought Forward	\$601.17
Received August	42.00
	\$643.17

CLERK'S REPORT

Brought Forward	\$169.20
Received for fees	317.00
Received Children's home	160.00
Special Offerings	111.85
Youth Camp	45.00
East Ala. Mission	27.00
Cow for children's home	25.00
Ladies Auxiliary	10.00
	\$865.05

PAID OUT 1970-71

Children's home	\$207.00
Printing minutes	196.10
Youth Camp	83.00
State association	40.00
Clerk	40.00
East Ala. Mission	27.00
Children's home for cow	25.00
Post cards and stamps	4.00
Total paid out	\$622.10
Balance in bank	\$242.95

Submitted by Guynette Barnett

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT

We, the ordination council, have examined these our Brethren and recommend that they be ordained. Bro. Horace Burgans be ordained to preach the Gospel. Bro. Robert Caswell be ordained as a deacon and we also recommend that Bro. Larry Peterson be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Donald Grice, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Huey Lacy and Bro. Charles Barnett.

**DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
S.S. AND C.T.S. CONVENTION AND BOARD
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

REPORT FOR 1971

The rally was held at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, in Phenix City, Alabama, during A.E.A. week on Friday night and Saturday morning. Mr. James Earl Allen, presiding as President and Miss Linda Brown, serving as Recording Secretary.

There were about 150 registered for the rally. There were some good special singing with groups from St. James Free Will Baptist Church and others singings from Unity Free Will Baptist Church and from St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Bob Hayes from Bethel led the congregational singing and the congregational and special singing was enjoyed by all who attended.

Rev. Ernest Dukes brought the devotional Friday night and Rev. Don Hartzog, from Montgomery brought the main message that night. Saturday mor-

ning devotional message was brought by Rev. James Bailey, from Fort Benning, Ga. The main message Saturday morning was brought by Rev. James Ronnie Knighton. Each of these messages was very inspiring and enjoyed by all.

The following churches were represented by fee and delegates:

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

L. C. Neese, Supt. of S.S.
1191 Rosemont Drive
Columbus, Ga.

J. L. Edwards, C.T.S. President
1124 — 28th Ave.
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

UNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Sylacauga, Alabama

Joe Davidson, Supt. of S.S.
714 W. 4th St.
Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

Charles Barnett C.T.S. President
600 6th Ave., S. W.
Childersburg, Ala.

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

Rev. Larry Peterson
C.T.S. President
2011 — 2nd Ave.
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

James Earl Allen, Supt. of S.S.
Route 5 — Box 9
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

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

Johnny W. Burdeshaw,
Supt. of S.S.
501 — 28th Street
Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Ronald H. Olson, C.T.S. President
2156 Lamore Drive
Columbus, Ga.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Montgomery, Ala. Represented by fee and Rev. Don Hartzog and his wife.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward	\$70.28
Received from the following churches:	
White Rock Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Unity Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
St. James Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala.	5.00
TOTAL	\$95.28

The contestants did not go to the state, so we didn't send their fee.
BALANCE IN TREASURY \$95.28

The Attendance Banner was awarded to St. James Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala.

Mr. James Earl Allen was re-elected President and Miss Linda Brown was elected Recording Secretary.

Next session will be held with St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, corner of 11th Street and 11th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. on Friday night and Saturday morning during A.E.A. Week.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Ch., Sec., & Treasurer
Rev. Warren Wyatt, Assistant Chr.

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S FIELD

The East Alabama District Auxiliary Convention met at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama, April 17, 1971.

Opening Prayer: Sis. Fannie Whitehurst

Devotional: Sis. Linda Finch, I Corinthians 12: 27—30

Welcome Address: Sis. Patricia Milling

Response: Sis. Pat Guthrie

Called for letters, letters were read by the secretary and delegates were seated.

Motion made and adopted for each one attending convention to be allowed to vote due to absence of so many delegates.

Appointment of Committees by President, (See committee reports)

Prayer: Sis. Etta Jones

Commissioned: By the Word: Sis. Martha Caswell

Song: You Never Mentioned Him To Me

Woman In Evangelism: Sis. Adgie Mae Deason

Morning Message: Rev. Charles Samples of Montgomery. I Corinthians 3:9.

Adjourned at this time. Dismissed for lunch in prayer by Sis. Erma Brown.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL, 17, 1971

Prayer: Sis. Adgie Mae Deason

Devotional: Sis. Patricia Milling —Matthew — 6

Special Singing: by group from Unity Church, also Becky Milling of White Rock Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the members of the appreciation committee would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful Lord's Day that we have had today.

We would like to thank the Ladies of White Rock Church for their wonderful hospitality and the delicious food. We have received a wonderful blessing.

Mrs. Gladys Clawson, Chairman
Mrs. Pat Guthrie
Mrs. Nancy Carmack

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We would recommend:

Sis. Linda Finch as President

Sis. Adgie Mae Deason as Vice President

Sis. Gladys Clawson as Secretary and Treasurer

Sis. Pat Milling as Field Worker

Submitted by: Sis. Erma Brown, Chairman, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Dorothy Jones.

These reports were read and adopted by the Aux. Convention: The following motions were made and adopted by the body.

1. The District Convention to take the Mobile, Ala. Mission as a project for the coming year. Each local auxiliary is asked to bring \$25.00 or more to the District Auxiliary Convention next April.

2. The yearly reports of the local auxiliary are to cover the time period of March 1 through February of the following year.

3. To order an attendance banner for the District Convention. To be awarded by the point system, to the auxiliary with the most attendance, coming the most miles.

4. To pay the travel expenses of the Field Worker.

5. To hold next District Auxiliary Convention at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala. on April 15, 1972.

6. To accept Field Worker's report as information.

7. To send delegates to State Auxiliary Convention — Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, Mrs. Shirley Grice, Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason, Mrs. Dorothy Jones.

8. To give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Pat Milling.

FINANCE REPORT

Brought forward	\$38.00
Received for Fees	
White Rock	\$7.50
Opelika	7.50
Unity	8.00
St. James	15.00
Total Received	76.00
Paid out for Auxiliary Attendance Banner	12.12
To State Convention for fees	31.00
To East Ala. Assoc. for fees	10.00
Balance in Treasury	22.88

Gladys Clawson, Treasurer

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; Psalms. 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psalms. 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; Psa. 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 Serv and Sunday School work in the East Alabama Association as a coordinat agency between District and State offices, and through conducting You Rallies, Teacher Training Conference, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, et

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 th

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.