

H. W. CRICE

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist



Minutes 1972

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.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1972-73

Moderator Rev. Rodger Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Assistant Moderator Rev. Sanford Hale, 104 17th Pl., Opelika, Ala. 36801
Clerk Guynette Barnett, 600 6th Ave. S. W., Childersburg, Ala. 35044
Assistant Clerk Pat Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Huey Lacy, chairman 1914 2nd Ave., Opelika, Ala. 36801
Rev. Rodger Milling 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Wade Walton 804 West Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Rev. J. M. Goode 3810 Robins Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36109
Rev. Warren Wyatt Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

GENERAL BOARD

This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Ala. Association. Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Wade Walton, and Rev. Gilbert Lacy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Don Hartzog, Rev. Wade Walton, Bro. Bill Guthrie, and Rev. Horace Burgans.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Huey Lacy, chairman, Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. Kurtis Carr, Rev. Walter Jones and Rev. J. L. Jones.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Rev. Rodger Milling 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867

CHILDREN'S HOME

TRUSTEE

Rev. Rodger Milling

YOUTH CAMP

BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Don Hartzog (voted in for two years)

PROMOTIONAL

SECRETARY

Rev. Don Hartzog

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1972-73

STATE ASSOCIATION—Nov. 9-10-11 at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING—Nov. 18, 1972 at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Moderator Rev. J. M. Goode.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION or (CTS & SS) Feb. 3, 1973, at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING—Feb. 10, 1973, at White Rock FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala. Moderator, Rev. Wade Walton.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION—April 21, 1973 at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—May 5, 1973 at LuVerne FWB Church, LuVerne, Ala.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING—May 12, 1973 at LuVerne FWB Church, LuVerne, Ala. Moderator Rev. Walter Jones.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—August 4, 1973 at Montgomery FWB Church, Montgomery, Ala.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—August 11, 1973 at Montgomery FWB Church, Montgomery, Ala. Moderator, Rev. Rodger Milling.

MINISTERS AND CLERKS

ST. JAMES FWB CHURCH

Rev. Walter Jones, pastor
2011 2nd Ave.

Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Mrs. Dorothy Jones, clerk
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Columbus, Ga. 31904

Rev. Jackie Howard

307 22nd St.

Opelika, Ala. 36801

Rev. Huey Lacy

1914 2nd St.

Opelika, Ala. 36801

LUVERNE FWB CHURCH

Rev. J. L. Jones, pastor

608 Hawkins Ave.

LuVerne, Ala. 36049

Mrs. Barbara Kennedy, clerk
26 Eastdale Apts.

LuVerne, Ala. 36049

Rev. L. L. Cobb

Rev. Chester Best, Sr.

Rev. Horace Burgans

WHITE ROCK FWB CHURCH

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502 30th St.

Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Rev. Sandford Hale

104 17th Pl.

Opelika, Ala. 36801

Rev. Warren Wyatt

Rt. 3 Box 227

Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Rev. Alton Sellers

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Columbus, Ga. 31904

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Rt. 5 Box 515

Phenix City, Ala. 36867

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Phenix City, Ala. 36867

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Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Rev. Danny Thompson

Rev. Hallman

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Rev. J. M. Goode, pastor

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Montgomery, Ala. 36109

Mrs. J. M. Goode, clerk

3810 Robins Rd.

Montgomery, Ala. 36109

Rev. Don Hartzog

Montgomery, Ala. 36109

UNITY FWB CHURCH

Rev. Wade Walton, pastor

804 West Pine St.

Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

Mrs. Erma Brown, clerk

Rt. 2 Box 296

Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

Rev. J. O. Drummond

Talladega, Ala.

Rev. Floyd Gilbert

Morris Ave.

Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

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Rev. Gilbert Lacy, pastor

215 22nd St.

Opelika, Ala. 36801

Mrs. Kathleen Champion, clerk

Rt. 3 Box 227

Opelika, Ala. 36801

**PROCEEDINGS
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**

SATURDAY MORNING—NOVEMBER 6, 1971

The first quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at Opelika, FWB Church. Saturday, Nov. 6, 1971. The meeting began with singing led by Rev. Donald Grice. Rev. Walter Jones was moderator in absence of Rev. Charles Allen. The moderator called for letters from each church. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Rev. Ray Ritch and Bro. James Earl Allen were appointed.

The morning devotion by the chaplin of Skid Row in Atlanta, Ga.: Scripture Matt. 27:22.

Moved and seconded that moderator appoint the committees. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Donald Grice.

We had several special singers. Every one enjoyed the singing. Special singing by the ladies from Unity FWB Church, Carolyn Barnett, Rev. Ray Ritch, and Bro. Millings' little girl. The morning message was by Bro. Harris. Scripture Matt. 10. LuVerne church came in late. Their letter was added to the others. Rev. Ray Ritch made a talk about Ala. State Association and programs. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Joe Ledlow.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—NOVEMBER 6

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Ray Ritch and prayer by Rev. Rodger Milling.

The moderator called for committee reports (see committee reports). Rev. Joe Ledlow gave the charge for the ordination of deacons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

Rev. Rodger Milling reported that the home has the lowest number of children in its history. They have 26 children. East Alabama Harvest Drive will be the week of Thanksgiving. The girls domitory needs repair. The home is still in need of a cook. It was moved and seconded to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Rev. Donald Grice asked if anyone knew a place we could have youth camp. It was moved and seconded to adjourn and dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ray Ritch.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1 — We, the business committee, recommend that Bro. Wynn Wright Davis contact the Southern Union Association and request a rewrite of his ordination papers that he lost.

2—We request that we ordain Bro. S. E. Hawkins and Bro. Clifton Dooley.

3 — We request that Bro. Ronald Knight be relicensed.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Brought forward	\$643.17
Received November	37.00
Total	\$680.17

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALABAMA MISSION
Bethel	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
White Rock	12.00	5.00	10.00
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00		
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	17.00
Luverne	12.00		
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Totals	\$96.00	\$35.00	\$37.00

PROCEEDINGS
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—FEBRUARY 12, 1972

The second quarterly meeting was held at LuVerne Ala. Conference opened with congregation singing. Rev. Walter Jones was the moderator. Prayer was given by Rev. Kenneth Walker. The meeting was called to order by the moderator who called for corresponding letters. It was moved and seconded that the moderator appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. Ottis Lynn and Rev. Donald Grice were appointed. Congregation singing was had. The morning message was brought by Rev. Scott, pastor of Doshier FWB Church. Rev. Joe Ledlow gave a report on the Mobile mission, a special offering was taken for the mission. Rev. Walker dismissed in prayer for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—FEBRUARY 12, 1972

The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Special singing by little Becky Milling. A special offering was taken for the Mobile mission. \$45.00 was the amount which was given to Bro. Walker. It was moved and seconded to give the church a rising vote of thanks. It was suggested that each church take a special offering for the Mobile Mission.

Rev. Rodger Milling gave a report of the children's home. A committee was appointed to look into the civil rights issue concerning the home. There are 35 children at the home. Each church is being asked for \$50.00 for remodeling of the girls dormitory. This to be in by April and must be in by July. Letters will be sent to each church. Rev. Charles Allen was on the ordination council. He has moved away. Bro. Kurtis Carr was nominated to take his place. It was requested that Ken Russell be ordained. A move was made to adjourn. Rev. Kenneth Walker dismissed in prayer.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought forward	\$680.17
Received February	43.36
	\$723.53

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Unity	\$12.00	\$5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00		\$10.00
St. Mark	12.00		
White Rock	12.00	5.00	21.36
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
LuVerne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Totals	\$96.00	\$30.00	\$43.36

**PROCEEDINGS
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**

SATURDAY MORNING—MAY 13, 1972

The third quarterly meeting was held at The First Freewill Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala. Rev. Huey Lacy was moderator. Conference was opened with singing, "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Lacy called for a move and second to go into Conference; move was carried. The moderator called for letters from each church; two churches not represented were to be asked to send letters later. Two more songs were sung. The moderator appointed Rev. Rodger Milling and Rev. Walter Jones to read the letters. It was moved and seconded to accept the letters as read. A Business Committee was appointed by the moderator.

Congregation sang and the moderator asked for a testimony service. Congregation sang again, then Rev. Don Hartzog brought the morning message. Rev. Walter Jones dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—MAY 13, 1972

The afternoon session began with the singing "Victory In Jesus". The moderator asked that everyone come to the altar to have special prayer for a policeman that was shot in the line of duty for the city of Montgomery.

The moderator called conference back in session, called for committee reports. All reports were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Business committee recommended that we take up special offering which was \$19.06 to send to the Children's Home to remodel the girls dormitory.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Rev. Rodger Milling stated that the Civil Rights Act has not effected our Children's Home as yet. At the present we have 43 children at the home.

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

As of now we do not have a place to meet. Bro. Sandford Hale made and seconded to table the youth camp for this year. Rev. Don Hartzog recommended that we see about building our own youth camp.

Bro. Hale recommended that some of the men meet with Rev. Hartzog to see about the land for the camp.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Brought Forward	\$723.53
Received May	<u>54.38</u>
Total	\$777.91

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Unity	\$12.00	\$5.00	
Bethel	12.00		\$10.00
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	10.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
LuVerne	12.00		
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	22.38
St. Mark	12.00		
Totals	<u>\$96.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$54.38</u>

Rev. Walter Jones moved we give the church a rising vote of thanks.
It was moved and seconded to adjourn; dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Barnett.

PROCEEDINGS FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING**SATURDAY MORNING—AUGUST 12, 1972**

The fifteenth annual session of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at Unity FWB Church Sylacauga, Ala. Rev. Walter Jones, assistant moderator, called the meeting to order, until Bro. Joe Ledlow, the moderator, got there. Prayer was led by Rev. Sandford Hale. Letters from each church were called. Rev. Warren Wyatt and Bro. H. W. Grice were appointed to read the letters. Bro. Ledlow read scripture with prayer by Rev. Goode from Montgomery. It was moved and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Visiting Brothers and sisters were invited to set with us. It was moved and seconded that the moderator appoint committees. It was moved and seconded to take love offering for visiting minister. Bro. Ottis Lynn led singing. The special offering was \$32.02 and was given to Bro. Fletcher. Special singing was by the Wiggins' family. Rev. Ray Fletcher brought the morning message. Scripture reading was I Samuel, Chapter 3 and Matt., Chapter 5. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Huey Lacy.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 12, 1972

The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Bro. Ottis Lynn, prayer by Bro. Bob Olson and special singing by Bro. Millings' daughter and sister Carol Grice.

A call for committee reports was given. (See committee reports). It was moved and seconded to take \$100.00 out of East Alabama Association money and take a special offering for Montgomery Church to pay for fixing windows. The special offering was \$101.00. Bro. H. W. Grice pledged \$25.00 through the church. It was moved and seconded to change the name of CTS to Christian Education and have a meeting quarterly. Meetings began the first Saturday in February. It was moved and seconded to give the host church church a rising vote of thanks. It was moved and seconded to adjourn with dismissal by Rev. Wade Walton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

1—We the business committee recommend changing the first quarterly meeting from the second Saturday in November to the third Saturday. The state association meets the second Saturday. Motion carried.

2—We recommend changing the East Alabama Mission fund to be used for any emergency purpose up to \$300.00 after approval at quarterly meeting. Opposed, did not carry.

3—We recommend a promotional secretary for East Alabama Association be appointed. Motion carried. Rev. Don Hartzog was appointed.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

- 1—We have 38 children at the home now.
- 2—Having good revivals. 14 children joined the church on July 16.
- 3—Bro. and Sister Larry Nix in charge of farming at the home, have moved to Leeds where he is pastoring a church. The home may have to buy a trailer for someone to live in to take Bro. Nix's place.
- 4—Our cook Jan Jones got married to Marshel Cleg, a boy that was raised at the home. They have moved to Phenix City. We have another cook now, Mrs. Cynthia Williams, who was raised at the home. She has been to the Bible College one year. She has 2 little girls. She and her husband are separated.
- 5—We need house parents for teenage girls. Mrs. Sides will be with small girls after remodeling is finished. We also need beds for 12 teenage girls and 8 small girls.
- 6—There will be a shortage in the office after school starts. Carla Lambert and Becky Jagger are working in the office now but they will be going to college.
- 7—As of now we do not have any colored children at the home, but we had a call from Pensions and Security Dept., Phenix City, about 2 colored boys but both departments were full.
- 8—Remodeling on girls dormitory is progressing good. We have spent about \$2000.00. We have received as of July \$5,429.24 and we need \$2,570.76 more to make \$8,000.00.
- 9—It is time to renew foster parent cards. This money is used to give the children at the home a weekly allowance. The allowances are as follows: \$1.50, \$1.00, 75 cents. We spent \$1,654.75 last year.
- 10—The October meeting will be homecoming. There will be a barbecue. Everyone is invited October 28, 1972.

Submitted by Rev. Rodger Milling

Moved and seconded to receive this report as information. Carried.

SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Sabbath Day Observance Committee, believe that one day out of seven has been set apart by God for sacred rest and holy service. We should remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, because God has blessed it and hallowed. We should not do any work on this day. We should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together according to Exodus 20:8-11 and Hebrews 10:25.

Sister Fannie Whitehurst, Sister J. M. Goode and Sister Pat Milling.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Temperance Committee, looking to the book of Exodus and the book of II Corinthians, "Thou shalt make it a perfume a confection after the art of the apothecary tempered together, pure and holy." God said, "My grace is sufficient for thee. My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Sister Elsie Hale, Bro. Ottis Lynn and Bro. Hoarce Burgans.

DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Committee, submit the following names as deceased but we do not know the dates. From Unity we have Bro. Julis Elrod and Sister Evelyn Vance. From St. James, we have Sister Margaret Paradise, Bro. Miram Evans and Bro. Paschal Thweat.

Submitted by Sister William, Bro. J. W. Gilmore and Sister Flora Jackson

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council have asked Rev. J. M. Goode to give the charge to the men to be ordained. We also request the Association to grant Rev. J. M. Goode a certificate of standing. We request that Bro. Ricky Liner be licensed to preach for one year. We request that these Brethren be ordained as deacons to serve their church: Bro. Bill Guthrie, chairman, Bro. Thurmond Reeves, Bro. Vernon DeFee, Rev. Huey Lacy, Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. Warren Wyatt, Rev. Don Hartzog and Rev. Walter Jones.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought forward	\$601.17
Received August	42.00
Received Nov.	37.00
Received Feb.	43.36
Received May	54.38

Total received	\$777.91
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Rev. Roger Milling, treasurer

CLERK'S REPORT

Brought forward	\$242.95
Received for fees	384.00
Children's Home	120.00
Ladies Auxiliary	10.00
Special offerings	152.08
Total received	\$909.03

PAID OUT 1971-72

Clerk	\$ 40.00
State Association	40.00
Children's Home	139.06
Cards & stamps	6.96
Printing minutes	196.63
Rev. Fletcher	32.02
Montgomery Church	201.00

Total paid out	\$655.67
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Total Received	\$909.03
Less	655.67

Balance	\$253.36
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Submitted by Guynette Barnett

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDREN'S HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Opelika	\$12.00	\$ 5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	\$12.00
Bethel	12.00		10.00
White Rock	12.00		21.23
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
LuVerne	12.00	5.00	
Totals	<hr/> \$96.00	\$30.00	\$43.23

Submitted by Rev. Sandford Hale
Bro. David Register and Bro. Bobby Harrell

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: CHOSEN BY CHRIST . . . TO BEAR FRUIT

The East Alabama District Auxiliary Convention met at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, April 15, 1972 at 10:00 a.m.

Song and Prayer: "Jesus Saves", "Rescue The Perishing". Prayer by Sis. Elsie Hale.

Devotional: Sis. Linda Finch, St. John 15:16, Ezekiel 3:17-19.

Welcome Address: Sis. Adgie Mae Deason. Acknowledged visitors, Bro. Walter Jones, Bro. Hale.

Response: Sis. Fannie Whitehurst

Call for letters. Letters were read by the secretary and delegates were seated.

Minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

Appointment of Committees by President, (See Committee Reports).

Special Song: "Just As Long As Eternity Rolls" by Sis. Adgie Mae Deason, Sis. Erma Brown and Sis. Sellers.

Prayer: Bro. Kenneth Walker.

I. NEED FOR CHOSEN WORKERS: Sis. Juanita Wyatt.

II. CHOSEN BY CHRIST TO BEAR FRUIT: Sis. Patricia Milling

III. TALK ON FRUIT BEARING: Sis. Mary Payne.

MORNING MESSAGE: Bro. Kenneth Walker, Home Missionary, Mobile, Ala. Bro. Walker also brought us up to date on the accomplishment of the Mobile project.

A special offering of \$18.50 was taken up to cover Bro. Walker's travel expense from Mobile.

Adjourned at this time: Dismissed for lunch in prayer by Sis. Mary Payne.

Saturday Afternoon, April 15, 1972

Due to Bro. Walker having to leave after lunch, The East Ala. District Women's Auxiliary voted to present him with \$100 check on our Mobile project for this year. White Rock Free Will Baptist Church sent check for \$25.00 first of year to Bro. Walker making a total of \$125.

Congregational Song.

Prayer by Sis. Etta Jones.

SPECIAL PROGRAM: By Host Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the members of the appreciation committee, would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful day we have had together.

We would like to say "thanks" to the Ladies of Unity Church for their wonderful hospitality and the delicious food. We feel that each one present has received a wonderful blessing.

Mrs. Etta Jones, Chairman

Mrs. Lizzie Davis

Mrs. Lollie Taylor

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. Lollie Taylor as Field Worker

Submitted by Sis. Elsie Hale, Chairman, Sis. Erma Brown and Sis. Fannie Whitehurst.

These reports were read and adopted by the Auxiliary Convention.

No old business.

Attendance Banner was won and presented to St. James Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary.

Field Worker Report: By Sis. Patricia Milling.

1. Suggested we buy new Auxiliary Manuals to be studied and have study groups.

2. Reminded Auxiliary that dues to District are \$1.25 per member.

The following motions were made and adopted by the body.

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

2. That banner points be based on members of Ladies Auxiliary only.

3. To send delegates to State Auxiliary Convention : Sis. Patricia Milling, Sis. Mary Payne, Sis. Adgie Mae Deason, Sis. Elsie Hale and Sis. Erma Brown.

To hold next District Auxiliary Convention at St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala. on April 14, 1973.

5. To give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Adjourned at this time, dismissed in prayer.

FINANCE REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 22.88
Received for Fees	
White Rock	7.50
Opelika	8.75
Unity	12.00
St. James	15.00
Received for State Project	125.00
 Total Received	 \$191.13
 Paid out for Mobile Project	 \$125.00
To State Convention for fees	35.00
To East Alabama Assoc. for fees	10.00
 Total Paid Out	 170.00
 Balance in Treasury	 21.13

Gladys Clawson, Treasurer

**DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY OF THE EAST ALA. ASSOCIATION
S. S. & C. T. S. CONVENTION UNDER THE BOARD
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

MINUTES FOR THE 1972 MEETING

The rally was held at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala., during A. E. A. week on Friday Night and Saturday Morning, March 16-17, 1972.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. James Earl Allen and Miss Linda Brown was the recording Secretary. The singing on Friday night was led by Rev. Russell Horn, pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., with special singing by the "Calveleans" of Columbus, Ga. The singing was very inspirational and enjoyed by all. Rev. Ralph Bell, pastor of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., brought the message Friday Night and it was enjoyed by all.

The Saturday morning service started at 10:00 a.m.. The service was called to order by Bro. James Allen. The singing was led by Miss Bonnie Railey from White Rock Free Will Baptist Church. There was an inspiring testimonial service which was very good. The business followed the testimony service. Odell Register was elected president, and Barbara Harden was elected the recording secretary, both members of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church.

There were only three of the churches of the East Ala. Association represented, St. Mark, St. James, White Rock. The attendance Banner was presented to St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church with 38 registered for that church. St. James had 25, and White Rock 5. There were 9 visitors registered.

Brother Kenny Williams of Montgomery, Ala. brought the message Saturday morning.

Bro. W. C. Bush gave the benediction prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward	\$ 95.28
Received from White Rock FWB Church	5.00
St. James Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
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Total in Treasury	\$110.28

It was voted to change the name to the Baord of Christian Education Youth Rallies with the Rallies to be held quarterly. Rev. Walter E. Jones resigned as Moderator and Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education. There was a new board elected: Rev. Don Hartzog, Rev. Wade Walton, Bro. Bill Guthrie and Rev. Horace Burgans.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, chairman
and Secretary-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; 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; 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 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 Sylacauga	First Church Montgomery
Total Members	236	116	348	23	127	193	136	104
Received By Statement	0	0	5	0	0	1	11	2
Received By Baptism	18	10	8	0	12	13	5	4
Received By Letter	23	2	14	0	0	7	17	21
Deceased	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Dismissed By Letter	4	0	3	0	1	4	2	5
Pastor's Salary	\$ \$ 6,320.08	\$ 975.00	\$ 4,245.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ \$1,440.00	\$ \$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,734.00	\$ 300.00
Evangelistic Work	485.00	125.00	651.74	75.00	250.00	465.31	229.00	687.66
Building & Repair	2,531.90	1,342.63	16,445.00	376.94	1,391.00	556.09	795.62	4,727.12
Literature	637.92	404.86	419.60	183.32	175.99	521.97	384.69	427.50
Other	2, 4,829.00	5,244.44	5,820.32	678.77	319.55	892.56	1,698.44	3,017.83
Spent For Local Causes	17 14,803.90	8,092.74	27,581.66	2,354.43	3,586.54	6,555.93	6,841.75	9,160.11
Cooperative Plan	60.00	1,033.76	36.00	0	0	591.94	0	0
Foreign Mission	0	167.04	345.55	30.00	0	40.00	58.50	40.00
Home Mission	154.00	121.05	130.50	0	100.00	0	58.50	20.00
Education	0		65.00	0	0	56.41	58.50	0
Orphanage	212.00	765.00	565.00	167.60	75.00	182.35	157.00	30.00
Superannuation				0	0	0	58.50	0
Association Project		20.00	20.00	40.00	0	67.35	41.62	61.00
State & National Project		10.00	153.50	0	0	0	68.00	0
Other	53.00	323.29	341.00	0	0	0	27.00	0
Spent For Outside Causes	479.10	2,445.14	1,661.55	287.60	175.00	938.05	526.62	151.00
Total Expenditure	15,283.00	10,537.88	29,243.21	2,642.03	3,761.54	7,493.98	7,368.37	9,311.11
Value Church Property	40,000.00	20,000.00	75,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
Value Parsonage Property	10,000.00		10,000.00	0	0	0	8,000.00	15,000.00

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.