

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist



Minutes 1973

Order of Business of Quarterly or Yearly Association

1. The body called to order by the Moderator if present, if not, the Assistant Moderator if he be present, if not the body may select some other suitable member to act as Moderator.

2. Call for corresponding letters.

3. Invite visiting brethren to seat.

4. Appoint committees.

5. Morning Message.

6. Woman's Auxiliary Business and Program.

7. Call for committee report.

8. Call for miscellaneous or new business.

9. Election of officers at yearly association and appointing time and place for quarterly meeting.

10. Adjournment.

Order of Business of Woman's Auxiliary Convention

1. Call to order by President.

2. Call for corresponding letters.

3. Have letters read and adopted and seat the delegates.

4. Have reading of previous meeting.

5. Old business.

6. New business.

7. Program by host church.

8. Election of officers at the yearly association.

9. Dismissed by prayer.

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1973-74

Moderator	Rev. Rodger Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Assistant Moderator	Rev. J. M. Goode, 3810 Robins Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36109
Clerk	Patricia Milling, 502 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Assistant Clerk	Guynette Barnett, 600 6th Ave. SW, Childersburg, Ala. 35044

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Jones	2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. O. Z. Johnson	804 West Pine St., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
Rev. J. M. Goode	3810 Robins Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36109
Rev. Huey Lacy	2106 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Rev. Sandford Hale	104 17Pl Opelika, Ala. 36801

GENERAL BOARD

This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Ala. Association. Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. P. E. Knighton, Rev. Sandford Hale, Rev. J. M. Goode, and Rev. O. Z. Johnson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Randy Karr, Bro. Len Blanchard, Bro. James Earl Allen, and Bro. Gary Knighton, with Rev. O. Z. Johnson, and Rev. Walter Jones, as advisors.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. P. E. Knighton and Rev. J. M. Goode.

EAST ALA. MISSION

TREASURE Rev. Rodger Milling

CHILDREN'S HOME

TRUSTEE Rev. Rodger Milling

YOUTH CAMP

BOARD MEMBER Rev. Don Hartzog (one more year.)

PROMOTIONAL

SECRETARY Rev. Don Hartzog.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1973-74

STATE ASSOCIATION—Nov. 8, 9, & 10 at East Side FWB Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING—Sat. Nov. 3, 1973 at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala., Rev. O. Z. Johnson, moderator.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING—Second Sat. in Feb. 9, 1974 at St. Mark FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala., Rev. Huey Lacy, moderator.

DISTRICT LADIES AUXILIARY—Third Sat. in April 20, 1974 at Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

STATE LADIES AUXILIARY—First Sat. in May 4, 1974 at St. James FWB Church, Phenix City, Ala.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING—Second Sat. May 11, 1974 at Unity FWB Church Sylacauga, Ala., Rev. O. Z. Johnson, moderator.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—Second Sat., Aug. 10, 1974 at Opelika FWB Church, Opelika Ala., Rev. Rodger Milling, moderator.

MINISTERS AND CLERKS

FIRST FWB CHURCH

Montgomery, Ala.
 Rev. J. M. Goode, pastor
 3810 Robins Rd.
 Montgomery, Ala. 36109
 Rev. Don Hartzog
 Montgomery, Ala. 36109
 Mrs. J. M. Goode, clerk
 3810 Robins Rd.
 Montgomery, Ala. 36109

FIRST FWB CHURCH

Luverne, Ala.
 Rev. J. L. Jones, pastor
 608 Hawkins Ave.
 Luverne, Ala. 36049
 Rev. L. L. Cobb
 East Dale Apt.
 Luverne, Ala. 36049
 Mrs. Jewel Holmes, clerk
 Box 462
 Brantley, Ala. 36009

ST. MARK FWB CHURCH

Phenix City, Ala.
 Rev. Huey Lacy, pastor
 2106 17th Ave.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Rev. G. T. Halliman
 Rev. Rodger Milling
 502 30th St.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Voncile King, clerk
 1219 23rd Court
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867

UNITY FWB CHURCH

Sylacauga, Ala.
 Rev. O. Z. Johnson, pastor
 804 West Pine St.
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Rev. J. O. Drummonds
 Talladega, Ala.
 Rev. Floyd Gilbert
 Morris Ave.
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Rev. Wade Walton
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150
 Mrs. Erma Brown, clerk
 Rt. 2 Box 296
 Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

ST. JAMES FWB CHURCH

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

WHITE ROCK FWB CHURCH

Phenix City, Ala.
 Rev. P. E. Knighton, pastor
 1610 21st St.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Betty Neese, clerk
 1911 Rosemont Dr.
 Columbus, Ga. 31904

BETHEL FWB CHURCH

Phenix City, Ala.
 Rev. A. T. Byrd, pastor
 Rt. 5. Box 515
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867
 Mrs. Evon Kinney, clerk
 1704 Auburn Rd.
 Phenix City, Ala. 36867

FIRST FWB CHURCH

Opelika, Ala.
 Rev. Sanford Hale, pastor
 104 17th Place
 Opelika, Ala. 36801
 Mrs. Martha Caswell, clerk
 Rt. 1 Box 90
 Opelika, Ala. 36801

PROCEEDINGS
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—NOVEMBER 18, 1972

The first quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, Ala. Opened with singing "Love Lifted Me", led by Bro. Otis Lynn. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. Rev. Rodger Milling, the moderator, called the meeting to order, called for letters from each church. Moved, seconded and carried for Rev. Walter Jones and Rev. Huey Lacy to read the letters. All letters read and accepted. Morning devotion given by Rev. J. M. Goode, from Montgomery, his text being taken from St. Mark 5:15-20.

Invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to sit with us. Delegates were seated. Moved and seconded for clerk to write to the Bethel church and the Luverne church to see why they did not send a letter or fees to the quarterly meeting. Carried. Moderator appointed committees. (see committee reports).

Morning message by Rev. Wade Walton, his text taken from Acts 4:13. After testimony service the meeting adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—NOVEMBER 18, 1972

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn, prayer by Bro. H. W. Grice, special singing by Carol Kernard, Len Blanchard and Becky Milling. Moderator brought short devotion from 2 Peter 1:1-9. Called for committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- 1 — We, the business committee, recommend that Rev. Sanford Hale be replaced as assistant moderator. Rev. Wade Walton was elected.
- 2 — We, the business committee, recommend that we start the meetings on time at 9:30, dismiss for lunch at 11:30 and business starts at 12:30. Carried.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

- 1 — We, the ordination council, request that Bro. Ronnie Knighton's license to preach be renewed for one year. Carried.
- 2 — We, the ordination council request that Rev. J. M. Goode be accepted from Texas and received in fellowship with East Ala. Association. Carried.
- 3 — We, the ordination council, recommend that Rev. Wade Walton move letter from his association to East Ala. Association.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Brought forward	\$831.14
Received November	55.68
Total	\$886.82

CHILDRENS' HOME

Rev. Rodger Milling gave report on Childrens' Home. Moved and seconded to accept this report as information. Carried. Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDRENS' HOME	EAST ALABAMA MISSION
Opelika	\$12.00	\$5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00		
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00		
Bethel			
Received	\$84.00	\$25.00	\$55.68

PROCEEDINGS

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—MARCH 10, 1973

The second quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held Saturday, March 10, 1973 at White Rock FWB Church in Phenix City, Ala.

Conference opened with singing led by Bro. Len Blanchard. Prayer by Bro. S. E. Hawkins. Moderator called for letters from different churches. All churches reported except Bethel. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Carried. Bro. James Earl Allen and Bro. Edwards were appointed. Morning devotion by Rev. George Stitt, pastor at Opelika. Moderator called for the reading of the letters. Letters read and approved. Moderator invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to sit with us. The welcome address was given by Rev. P. E. Knighton, the new pastor at White Rock. Congregational singing led by Bro. Mike Stevens.

Morning message by Rev. Russel Horn, pastor of Calvary FWB Church, Columbus, Ga. His text taken from 1 Corinthians 16:9. Special singing by Bro. Mike Stevens. Adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—MARCH 10, 1973

Afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. J. W. Gilmore. Prayer by Bro. U. Z. Hale. The meeting was called back to order, by the moderator. Rev. Rodger Milling gave a report on Childrens' Home. Called for committee reports. All reports read and approved. (See committee reports.) No other business. Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Carried, moved and seconded to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Herman Griffith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1—We, the business committee, recommend that the association pay Bro. Milling \$4.72 for phone calls to change the quarterly meeting.

2—We, the business committee, recommend that the executive board contact Rev. Byrd at Bethel Church and see if they need help or why they have not reported. Carried.

3—We, the business committee, recommend that Rev. Wade Walton be replaced as assistant moderator. Rev. George Stitt, voted in. We also recommend that Rev. Warren Wyatt be replaced on the executive board. Rev. P. E. Knighton voted in. Bro. Otis Lynn, Chairman, Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. S. E. Hawkins, Bro. J. D. Keeter, and Rev. P. E. Knighton.

CHILDRENS' HOME REPORT

This report received as information. Board meeting Feb. 5, 1973.

- 1—We have 40 children at the home now.
- 2—State association voted to comply with Civil Rights Act.
- 3—East Birmingham FWB Church sent a letter stating they are withdrawing their support from the home until a later date.
- 4—Ala. harvest drive was real good this year.
- 5—The best Christmas the home has ever had, received, \$18,000.00 in December and \$14,000.00 of this came from Alabama.
- 6—One business raised \$6,000.00 with a goal for next year, \$10,000.00.
- 7—Each child was given \$40.00 in cash plus other gifts.
- 8—The girls' dormitory has been finished as well as the staff apartment. We are still short \$1800.00 of the \$8,000.00 that was needed.
- 9—We voted to buy a fire alarm system that cost \$2,400.00.
- 10—We voted to give all employees a 10 percent raise.

Rev. Rodger Milling, trustee

ORDINATION COUNCIL

We, the ordination council, met to question Bro. Herman Griffitt and if found worthy, ordain him as a deacon. But he has been ordained in a Baptist Church, so we voted to except him in good fellowship. We also questioned Bro. Len Blanchard and recommend that he be ordained. Carried. Rev. Huey Lacy, gave the charge. Rev. Huey Lacy, chairman, Rev. J. M. Goode replaced Bro. H. W. Grice, Bro. Edwards replaced Bro. Kurtis Karr, Rev. Walter Jones and Bro. Killingsworth replaced Rev. J. L. Jones.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION

Brought forward	\$886.82
Paid out	12.00
Left	\$874.82
Received March	28.19
Total	\$903.01

Rev. Rodger Milling, treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	FEES	CHILDRENS' HOME	EAST ALABAMA MISSION
Unity	\$12.00	\$5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	\$16.19
St. James	12.00		12.00
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00		
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00	5.00	
Bethel last quarter	12.00	5.00	
Total	\$108.00	\$35.00	\$28.19

PROCEEDINGS THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—MAY 12, 1973

The third quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at First FWB Church in Luverne, Ala. Conference opened with singing led by Bro. Len Blanchard. Meeting called to order by Rev. Walter Jones, moderator. Prayer by Rev. P. E. Knighton. Called for letters from different churches. Moved and seconded that moderator appoint someone to read the letters. Bro. Otis Lynn and Rev. Rodger Milling were appointed. Morning devotion by Rev. Sandford Hale. Scripture reading Psalms 103.

The moderator invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to sit with us. The moderator appointed the committees. (see committee reports). Morning Message by Rev. Don Hartzog. Scripture reading Exodus 20:1-17. Rev. Kenneth Walker gave a report on the Mobile Mission. He thanked the East Ala. Ladies Auxiliary for a check for \$100.00. The mission now has 54 charter members. Bro. Walker said he wanted to leave a thought with us. "Do you love Jesus". Dismissed for lunch, prayer by Bro. S. E. Hawkins.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—MAY 12, 1973

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn, prayer by Rev. Kenneth Walker. Special singing by ladies from St. James FWB Church. Moderator called meeting back to order. Sister Goode gave a report on State Ladies Auxiliary which met last week. The Ala. State Ladies Auxiliary will meet the first Saturday in May 4, 1974 at St. James FWB Church in Phenix City, Ala. Called for committee reports. (see committee reports). Moved and seconded to take special offering for Childrens' Home for youth camp prayer by Bro. Knighton \$33.71 was received. Moved and seconded rising vote of thanks to host church for the wonderful lunch. Carried. No other business. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Don Hartzog.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- 1—We, the business committee, recommend that we change the youth rally from the first Saturday to the fourth Saturday the same month the quarterly meetings and not send fees but take up a offering. Carried.
- 2—Add this as item 21 of the by laws: That any minister coming to this association from another association must bring letter of good standing. Moved and seconded to table this until next meeting. Carried.
- 3—We, the business committee, recommend that a church having problems with ministers not in good standing deal with this problem and then if unable to solve it, bring it to the ordination council.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

We, the ordination council, recommend that Rev. P. E. Knighton be received into the East Ala. Association in good fellowship. Carried.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought Forward	\$903.01
Received May	38.83
Total	\$941.84

by Rev. Rodger Milling, treasurer

CHILDRENS' HOME REPORT

- 1—We have 38 children at the home.
- 2—We had a good revival with several rededications.
- 3—We had 5 children to run away from the home lately.
- 4—A small tractor turned over on a sixteen year old boy. The boy was not hurt bad. The tractor was totaled.
- 5—The staff has been short due to sickness.
- 6—Some girls from the Bible college want to work at the home this summer.
- 7—Repair on the girls dormitory is going good. We still need about \$1500.00.
- 8—We need \$25.00 per child for youth camp by June 14th, a total of \$1,000.
- 9—We will be needing two house parents when school is out.

by Rev. Rodger Milling, trustee

CHURCH	FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FEES	CHILDRENS HOME	EAST ALA. MISSION
Montgomery	\$12.00	\$5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	\$16.83
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00		
Bethel	12.00		10.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
Total	\$96.00	\$30.00	\$38.83

PROCEEDINGS SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—AUGUST 11, 1973

The sixteenth annual session of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at Montgomery FWB Church. Conference opened with congregation singing led by Bro. Randy Karr. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Rodger Milling. The moderator called for peace and fellowship and invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to sit with us. Prayer by Rev. Sandford Hale. Called for letters from different churches. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. (Carried) Sister Pat Milling, and Sister Gladys Clawson were appointed. Moved and seconded to accept the letters as read. Carried. Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint the different committees. (see committee reports) Special singing by Becky Milling. Morning message by Rev. J. M. Goode. Scripture reading, 1 Peter 5:8. Dismissed for lunch. Prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 11, 1973

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. Randy Karr. Prayer by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Devotion by Rev. Rodger Milling. Moderator called for committee reports. (see committee reports.) Moved and seconded to give host church rising vote of thanks for the wonderful lunch. Carried. The moderator turned the service over to the ordination council. Rev. Walter Jones gave the charge. Rev. Huey Lacy, prayer of consecration. Gave right hand of fellowship to the men being ordained.

Moved and seconded to elect officers for the next year. (see officers in front of minutes) Moved and seconded that the pastor of the church where quarterly meeting is being held be moderator for that session. Moved and seconded for each pastor go back to his church and take a special offering for the Montgomery church. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Sanford Hale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1—We, the business committee, recommend that the executive board have the authority to grant letters of recommendation to ministers leaving this association and uniting with another association. Carried.

2—We, the business committee, recommend that item 1 under the by laws read as follows: The East Ala. Association of FWB and its members adopt the treatise of the national association of FWB in faith and practice. Carried.

3—We, the business committee, recommend that the business tabled at last meeting be disposed of at this time. That any minister coming to this association bring letter of recommendation from his association. And this be added to the by laws as item 22. Carried.

SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Sabbath Day observance committee, hold that the first day of the week has been ordained by God as a universal day of rest and holy service. This Sabbath day should be kept holy, because God has set his blessings on it, the day is set aside for total commitment to God and his service and not for worldly cares and pleasure. Be it resolved that all christians will obey the command to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together according to Exodus 20:8-11 and Hebrews 10:25, and not only the Sabbath but all days belong to God.

Bro. Randy Karr, Sister Fannie Whitehurst, and Sister Mary Payne

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee, looking to the book of Exodus and the book of 2 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".

DECEASED COMMITTEE

We, the deceased committee, submit the following names as deceased.

St. James reports eight deceased: Bro. Pascal (Pat) Thweat, (6-14-14—7-29-72); Sister Sara E. Brown, (1-13-23—2-1-73); Bro. Donnie Hugh Bradshaw, (10-28-45—3-7-73); Bro. Jacob (Jake) Bockman, (8-12-1895—3-20-73); Sister Johnnie (Allan) Halliman, (4-23-02—4-24-73); Sister Perlie Watson, (2-25-05—4-27-73); Sister Kate (Saxon) Hostly, (8-30-1890—6-10-73); Bro. Patrick Freman Brown, (4-10-1893—3-30-73).

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the ordaining council, have examined these.

1—Bro. Ronnie Knighton and request that he be ordained to preach the gospel. Carried.

2—Bro. Ray Holmes and Eugene Scott, and request that they be ordained as deacons. Carried.

3—We, have read Rev. O. Z. Johnson's letter from his association and find it in order. We request that he be granted certificate of standing. Carried.

By Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. J. M. Goode, Bro. J. D. Keeter,
Rev. Walter Jones and Rev. J. L. Jones

In view of these whom God in his devine providence saw fit to call from this world of sorrow, to that wonderful home which Jesus said "I go and prepare for you a mansion". These will certainly be missed in our church. It, is our loss but Heaven's gain.

Luverne reports one deceased: Sister Lula Prescott, birth and death dates unknown.

Unity reports one deceased: Sister Susie Tyler, born (?) died March 8, 1973.

St. Mark reports two deceased: Bro. Art Pippin, dates of birth and death unknown; Sister Greshem, dates of birth and death unknown.

White Rock reports one deceased but name unknown.

Opelika reports one deceased: Sister Lorene Hoggans, born (?), died May 1973.

By Sister Bobby Sue Wright, Bro. H. L. Parker
and Sister Flora Jackson

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT

Brought forward	\$941.84
Received August	53.40

In treasury	\$995.24
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Rev. Rodger Milling, treasurer

TRUSTEE TO CHILDRENS' HOME REPORT

- 1—We have 35 children in the home. 17 boys and 18 girls.
- 2—With the present set up we have beds for 42 children.
- 3—Youth camp was the best ever, had 180 in camp. Had more than enough money to send the children to camp. Each child got \$5.00 spending money. \$200.00 was put in a miscellaneous fund.
- 4—Bro. and Sister Casebolt have left the home.
- 5.—Two or three girls from the Bible College are working at the home this summer.
- 6—Sister Oliver left after school was out. She retired at the age of 74.
- 7—Sister Sides is with small girls.
- 8—Girls dorm repair going good but slow.
- 9—They kill one beef per month for use at the home. They sell the hogs. 20 hogs sold for \$1700.00. They were very little expense due to corn being donated.
- 10—Fuel went up from 15 cents to 21 cents per gal.
- 11—The general fund is getting low, about \$2000.00 balance.
- 12—Time to renew foster parent cards. They are \$5.00 per year.

Rev. Rodger Milling, trustee

CHURCH	FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT		EAST ALA. MISSION
	FEES	CHILDRENS' HOME	
Bethel	\$12.00		\$10.00
White Rock	12.00	\$5.00	21.40
Unity	12.00	\$5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	10.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Totals	\$96.00	\$35.00	\$53.40

CLERK'S REPORT		PAID OUT	
Brought Forward	\$263.36	State Assoc.	\$ 40.00
Fees	384.00	Printing minutes	200.00
Childrens' Home	125.00	Clerk	40.00
Special offerings	78.71	Mont. Church	45.00
	\$851.07	Childrens' Home	125.00
		Youth Camp	33.71
Brought Forward	\$263.36	Bro. Milling	4.72
Received	587.71	Stamps, paper & cards	7.00
	\$851.07		\$495.43
Less paid outs	495.43		
Balance in bank	\$355.64	submitted by Guynette Barnett	

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT"

The East Alabama District Convention met at St. James Free Will Baptist Church, Pehnix City, Alabama, April 21, 1973 at 10 a.m. C.S.T.

Song and Prayer: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Prayer: "Alter Prayer" asked for special requests. Led by Sis. Adgie Mae Deason.

Welcome Address: Sis. Dorothy Jones.

Response: Sis. Adgie Mae Deason, vice president.

Call for letters:

Montgomery, Alabama's letter was read to be accepted into the East Alabama Association. Sis. Dorothy Jones made a move we accept. Voted and carried. 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).

Song: "Joy Unspeakable".

Devotional: Sis. Linda Finch, St. John 14: 12-16.

I. IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: Sis. Betty Neese.

II. EMPOWERED: Sis. Patricia Milling.

III. DISCIPLINED BY THE SPIRIT: Sis. Jewel Sims.

SERMON: Bro. Walter Jones, pastor, St. James Free Will Baptist Church.

Song: "Just As I Am"

Prayer: By Sis. Pearl Goode.

Adjourn for lunch.

Saturday afternoon, April 21, 1973

Attendance Banner was won and presented to Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala. Ladies Auxiliary.

SPECIAL PROGRAM: By Host Church.

Special Song "Win the Lost at any Cost" by Young ladies, Kathy Hardin, Linda Hardy and Nancy Warr.

Skit: by Charlotte Johnson, Virginia Harden and Grace Johnson. Prayer by Sis. Fannie Whitehurst. Song: "Until They Know" by Senior Ladies: Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Lizzie Davis, Sis. Jeannie Pyle, Sis. Irene Johnson and Sis. Collie Bundrick.

Old Business: Letters of appreciation from Bro. Kenneth Walker and Jarma Lee Jones, Treasurer for fund for Mobile Project were read.

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 St. James for their wonderful hospitality and the delicious food. We feel that each one present has received a wonderful blessing.

Mrs. Betty Edwards, Chairman

Mrs. Erma Brown

Mrs. Brunette Sutton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We, the nominating committee, would like to make the following recommendations for officers for the next year.

President: Mrs. Pearl Goode

Vice-President: Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason

Sec. and Treasurer: Mrs. Gladys Clawson

Field Worker:

Submitted by Sis. Juanita Wyatt, chairman, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, and Sis. Jewel Sims.

Sis. Mary Payne was appointed as Field Worker; If does not accept, Sis. Linda Finch volunteered to be Field Worker.

Appointment of delegates to State Convention: Sis. Pearl Goode, Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Whitehurst, Sis. Jewel Sims, Sis. Sutton, and Sis. Lizzie Davis, alternate.

Sis. Patricia Milling advised us each district was to bring \$100.00 to the State Convention each year.

The following motions made and adopted by body.

1. It was voted and carried to ask for donations from our Churches to send to State Convention by Sis. Patricia Milling.

2. Each Auxiliary was asked to bring \$20.00 to next district Convention to take to State Convention.

3. To move time of District Meeting up to 9:30 Central Standard Time.

4. To hold next District Auxiliary Convention at Unity Free Will Baptist Church the third Saturday in April.

5. To take Montgomery Church as Mission Project this next year. Amount left up to each Auxiliary.

Sister Adgie Mae Deason gave appreciation speech in honor of outgoing president, Sis. Linda Finch.

Adjourned at this time. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Kington.

FINANCE REPORT:

Brought forward	\$ 21.13
Received for Fees	
White Rock	10.00
Unity	11.25
St. James	20.00
Montgomery	13.75
Opelika	10.00
Received for Dist. Project (Mobile)	100.00
St. James \$35.00, Montgomery \$15.00	
Unity \$25.00, White Rock \$25.00	
Received on State Project	40.00
St. James \$20.00, White Rock \$20.00	
Total Received	\$226.13
Paid Out for Mobile Project	\$100.00
Paid out for State Project	40.00
To State Convention for fees	54.00
To East Ala. Assoc. for fees	10.00
Total Paid Out	\$204.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 22.13

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 East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist and its members adopt the treatise of the national association of Free Will Baptist in and practice.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

6. By a two thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

7. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

8. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

9. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

10. 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.

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

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

13. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

14. 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.

15. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Minutes of the Association shall be read and adopted at the end of each session.

20. No Preacher shall be ordained for preferably one year after receiving his license, or at which time he shall be called to pastor a church.

21. Any church desiring the service of the Ordaining Council between conferences must bear the expenses of the council.

22. Any minister coming to this association bring letter of recommendation from his association.

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. Psa. 19:12; Psa. 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psa. 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.

13. 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)

14. 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.

15. 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	219	108	352	29	128	197	131	124
Received by statement	0	0	6	0	0	3	3	0
Received by Baptism	19	5	5	1	3	6	11	4
Received by letter	2	4	3	0	9	2	2	5
Deceased	2	1	8	0	1	0	1	0
Dismissed by letter	14	9	3	0	0	7	10	3
Pastor's Salary	\$4,533.34	1,800.00	4,450.00	1,225.00	1,755.00	4,085.00	2,340.00	2,610.00
Evangelistic Work	997.48	170.00	325.00	84.12	125.00	255.76	100.00	0
Building and Repair	2670.57	601.82	6,900.87	126.08	2,596.00	1,009.56	1,300.10	6,482.04
Literature	443.81	410.23	507.58	204.02	169.15	396.97	320.30	391.76
Other	7,233.40	3,841.30	5,489.10	378.18	487.63	879.82	1,498.34	2,260.73
Spent for Local Causes	15,878.60	6,823.35	17,672.55	2,017.40	5,132.78	6,627.11	5,558.74	11,744.53
Cooperative Plan	0	1,040.87	36.00	0	0	732.18	31.00	48.00
Foreign Mission	0	96.62	300.55	45.00	0	80.28	51.00	28.00
Home Mission	120.00	96.63	247.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	51.00	0
Education	0	0	60.00	0	0	0	0	240.00
Orphanage	194.79	138.00	900.00	67.35	75.00	198.00	82.00	20.00
Superannuation	27.35	0	0	0	0	0	51.00	0
Association Project	0	20.00	15.00	30.00	0	36.00	25.00	0
State and National Projects	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	68.00	0
Other	129.18	135.96	240.85	428.94	0	0	90.00	0
Spent for Outside Causes	471.32	1,528.08	1,899.40	611.29	100.00	1,071.46	449.00	336.47
Total Expenditure	16,349.92	8,351.43	19,571.95	2,628.69	5,232.78	7,698.57	6,007.74	12,081.00
Value of Church Property	40,000.00	20,000.00	75,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
Value Parsonage Property	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	8,000.00	10,000.00

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.