

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptist



MINUTES 1974

Order of Business of Quarterly or Yearly Association

1. The body called to order by the Clerk if present, if not, the Assistant Clerk, if he be present, if not the body may select some other suitable member to act as Clerk.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seat.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Morning Message.
6. Adjourn for Lunch
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 Women'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, AUGUST 1974 - FEBRUARY 1976

Moderator—Rev. Rodger Milling 502 - 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Asst. Moderator—Rev. Alton Sellers, Rt. 4, Box 121, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Clerk—Patricia Milling, 502 - 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Asst. Clerk—Nadine Dean, Route 4, Box 671, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 yr.—Rev. Walter Jones, 2011 - 2nd Avenue, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
4 yr.—Rev. Sanford Hale, 104 - 17th Place, Opelika, Ala. 36801
3 yr.—Rev. Alton Sellers, Route 4, Box 121, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
2 yr.—Rev. Huey Lacy, 2106 - 17th Avenue, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
1 yr.—Rev. J. L. Jones, 608 Hawkins Avenue, Luverne, Alabama 36049

GENERAL BOARD

This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Ala. Association.
Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Alton Sellers,
Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. J. L. Jones.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 yr.—Randy Carr, 4 yr.—Ronnie Knighton, 3 yr.—Judy Lee, 2 yr.—
Ernest Dukes, 1 yr.—Nadine Dean. Advisors—Patricia Milling, Walter Jones.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

5 yr.—Rev. Huey Lacy, 4 yr.—Rev. Alton Sellers, 3 yr.—Rev. Sanford
Hale, 2 yr.—Charles Barnet, 1 yr.—J. D. Keeter.

EAST ALA. MISSION

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

CHILDREN'S HOME

Trustee—Rev. Rodger Milling

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1974-1976

First Quarterly Meeting—November 2, 1974 at Unity, Sylacauga, Ala.
State Association—November 7, 8, 9, Florence, Alabama.
Second Quarterly Meeting—February 8, 1975, at St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala.
District Women's Auxiliary—April 19, 1975 at St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala.
State Woman's Auxiliary—May 3, 1975, at Jasper Association.
Third Quarter Meeting—May 17, 1975, at First Church, Montgomery, Ala.
Fourth Quarterly Meeting—August 9, 1975 at St. James in Phenix City, Ala.
First Quarterly Meeting—November 1, 1975 at First Church in Opelika.
Eighteenth Annual Meeting—2nd Saturday in Feb. 1976 at White Rock,
Phenix City, Ala.

All meetings begin at 9:30 Central Standard Time; 10:30 Eastern S.
Time. Lunch is served from 11:30 to 12:30 Central Time; 12:30 to 1:30
Eastern.

Alabama Harvest Drive for Childrens Home—November 25-30.

MINISTERS AND CLERKS

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Luverne, Alabama
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Rev. Leiland Floyd
Luverne, Alabama

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Rev. Ernest Dukes
Eufaula, Alabama

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Sylacauga, Ala. 35150

Rev. Floyd Gilbert
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Phenix City, Alabama

Rev. George I. Stitt

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First FWB Church

Opelika, Alabama
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Opelika, Alabama 36801
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Columbus, Georgia
Sis. Myrtle Gayles, clerk
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PROCEEDINGS—FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—NOVEMBER 3, 1973

The first quarterly meeting of East Ala. Association of FWB was held at Sylacauga, Alabama, at Unity FWB Church. Opened with song "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Bro. J. D. Keeter. Prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. Song "Love Lifted Me". The devotion was given by Bro. Loyd Olsan. Subject—Prayer. Scripture—James 5:17-18. The meeting was called to order by Rev. O. Z. Johnson and he called for the corresponding letters. Bro. Otis Lynn and Bro. Charles Barnett were appointed to read the letters. After song "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" the letters were read and adopted and the delegates were seated.

Business & Finance Committee were appointed: Bro. Loyd Olsan, Bro. Herbert Jones, Bro. J. D. Keeter, Bro. J. L. Edwards, Bro. Robert Carswell, Bro. James Brown. Song—"Joy Unspeakable". Scripture reading and comments by Rev. O. Z. Johnson from Psalms 46. After a brief testimony service the song "Tell It To Jesus" was sung. The morning message was brought by Rev. Wayne McDaniel, pastor of First FWB Church of Sylacauga, using II Timothy 2:11-19. Dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotion was given by Rev. Alton Sellers, pastor of White Rock FWB Church in Phenix City, using Romans 1:14-16. Called for committee reports.

Business Committee:

1. Recommend that a committee be appointed (3 people) to study the Board of Christian Education—its purpose, see what can be done to promote cooperation within the association—to meet twice a year and report back to the association. Motion made, 2nd, carried.

2. Recommend that Board Members and Council Members retire as follows: One member to retire each year with one person elected to fill his place, each Board have men elected to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 year terms so after that each member will in turn serve 5 years. To be elected at annual meeting. Motion made, second, carried.

3. Recommend that East Alabama Mission Board be re-established, Bro. Milling remain as Sec.-Treasurer. Board to be made up of pastors of each church. Motion made, 2nd, carried.

4. Recommend change in item #2 under children's home report on page 5 of Minutes have words added to read "at the children's home". Motion made—second—discussion. Motion and second withdrawn.

Financial Report

East Alabama Association	\$ 96.00
Mission Board	36.52
Children's Home	30.00
	\$162.52

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	12.00
Unity	12.00	5.00	
First—Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
First—Opelika	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	14.52
Bethel	12.00		10.00
Luverne	12.00		
Total	\$96.00	\$30.00	\$36.52

Motion made by Rev. Walter Jones to amend the By-Laws, article 22, to read: "or from local church". Motion—2nd—Discussion—takes 2/3 majority to change the By-Laws. In favor of motion—28. Against 14. Motion passed.

Motion made by Rev. Walter Jones to receive Rev. George I. Stitt in good standing into the association. Second. Amendment—this item to go back to the ordination council for final decision. 2nd. Amendment passed. Council met after the association meeting was adjourned and voted to accept Rev. Stitt in full fellowship.

Children's Home Report:

1. 32 children in the home, ages 6-17, two graduating in June.
2. Smith Lake Bass Club took all the boys fishing and boat riding one Saturday.
3. Sis. Sides out 2 months—Sis. Mills filling in with little girls.
4. Sis. Cauthern came in August to be house parent for little boys.
5. Mr. Kilgore is with teenage boys. He is reading instructor at Eldridge School.
6. June Dockery with teenage girls is going to California—need here.
7. Bro. Kent helping with farm program plus other duties.
8. Jennie Clemmons is new in office, doing good job.
9. Repairs—Fire escape needed. Work on girl's hall slowed down due to needed outside work.
10. Georgia Harvest Drive—last week—not everything reported yet. Received 1200 bushels shell corn. Received total worth of about \$4000.
11. Alabama Harvest Drive—November 26-December 1. Letter will be sent to each pastor stating needs. Need beef steers and ear corn plus other commodities.
12. Increase in cost of living felt.

East Alabama Missions Report:

Brought forward	\$ 995.24
Received November 3	36.52
Total	\$1031.76

Pat Milling, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS—SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING—FEBRUARY 9, 1974

The meeting was held at St. Mark FWB Church in Phenix City. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Huey Lacy. Opened with songs—"Heaven's Jubilee", "I'm Never Alone", and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", led by Bro. Alan Griffith. Devotional was given by Rev. Sanford Hale. After prayer, Bro. Ron Olson and Bro. Loyd Olsan were appointed to read the corresponding letters. Welcome address was given by Bro. Gary Knighton. Bro. Milling explained that the letters were supposed to read from January 1 through December 31, 1973, and that the long white forms were supposed to be used for this meeting. The letters were read and the delegates were seated. Motion was made, 2nd, and carried to appoint Business and Finance Committee. Committee: Bro. Goode, Bro. Brown, Bro. Carswell, Bro. Defea, Bro. Clawson, Bro. Sellers, Bro. Milling, and Bro. Byrd.

Message was brought by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, missionary to the Ivory Coast of Africa. Subject—Satan and the Occults. He brought out seven points.

1. Admit there is a devil; 2. Satan can't bother a person as long as he is close to the Lord; 3. God has given protection for the Christian—Ephesians 6:12-18—A. truth; B. righteousness; C. Preparedness; D. Faith; E. Salvation; F. Take word of God with you; G. Prayer.

Afternoon Session

Message by Rev. Alton Sellers from White Rock FWB Church. Scripture—St. John 8:31, 32—"Continue in the Word"

Business and Finance Report read:

1. Recommended that a meeting of the General Board be called to review and/or revise and familiarize themselves with our treatise and by-laws and make changes necessary and report at our next quarterly meeting. Motion made 2nd, carried. Bro. Olsan made motion for Education Committee be given guidelines, put in writing, to go in the minutes. Second. Motion & 2nd withdrawn after discussion. Sis. Goode mentioned that the East Alabama Woman's Auxiliary will meet April 20th at Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, and that each auxiliary should try to bring \$20 for the District project—to be sent to Home Missions.

Children's Home report was given by Rev. R. W. Milling. Accepted as information. Motion made, seconded, to pay \$27.55 to Bro. Milling for gas expense to the children's home for Harvest Drive. Carried. A love offering for Bro. Jimmy Aldridge was taken up. Amount received was \$37.19. Sis. Pat Milling asked each pastor to get up a State-wide mailing list from the members of their churches and send it in to her. Motion made by Bro. Otis Lynn to give host church rising vote of thanks. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Olson.

Financial Report

East Alabama Association	96.00
Mission Board	37.86
Children's Home	30.00
Total	\$163.86

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
First—Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
First—Opelika	12.00	5.00	15.15
White Rock	12.00	5.00	12.71
Bethel	12.00		10.00
Luverne	12.00		
Totals	\$96.00	\$30.00	\$37.86

Children's Home Report:

1. 28 children now in the home.
2. Sis. Sides is now back.
3. December was a record month in giving to the home. Cash received was total of \$22,549.25, of which \$16,708.40 was from Alabama.
4. For Christmas—Hall Bro. gave \$2000 toys. Winfield Mfg. Co. gave a party and \$12.00 gift certificate for each child. Businessmen of Jasper gave \$6,000.
5. Bro. Lambert bought a 1970 Chevrolet station wagon for \$800.00. He traded the old one which had 185,000 miles on it—got \$50.00 for it.
6. Sold 20 pigs for \$80.00 each (cost \$35). Bought 20 more for \$30.00.
7. Had fire escape put up—cost \$480.00.
8. Can pay \$50.00 to hook up to Eldridge water system. Decided to do this—will have a fire hydrant at the home.
9. Adopted a new budget for 1974—\$90,000. Cost averages \$200.00 per month per child; national average is \$250-300.
10. Officers—Chairman, Bro. Coleman Holmes, North Alabama; Asst. Chairman—Bro. Gerald Baxley, Southeastern; Clerk—Bro. Rodger Milling, East Alabama; Asst. Clerk—Bro. Troy Aaron, Birmingham District.

Executive Board—Bro. A. J. Lambert—Progressive; Bro. Paschal Yerly, Vernon; and Bro. Troy Aaron, Birmingham District.

East Alabama Missions Report

Brought Forward	\$1031.76
Received February 9	37.86
Total	\$1069.62

Pat Milling, Clerk

EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME: "MISSIONS IS OUR MISSION"—Scripture Prov.: 29:18

The East Alabama District Convention met at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala. on April 20, 1974 at 9:30 C.S.T.

Call to Order by President
Hymn: by Host Church Auxiliary
Prayer: by V. P. Sis Adgie Mae Deason
Welcome Address: by Jewel Sims
Response: by Sis. Burnette Sutton
President's Message: by Sis J. M. Goode; St. John 9:10. Prayer by Sis. Goode

Song: "Bringing In The Sheaves"

BUSINESS

Call for letters

St. Mark's letter was read to be accepted into the East Ala. Assn. Moved & seconded we accept. Voted and carried.

Letters were read by the Secretary and delegates were seated.

Minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer Report was read and approved.

Appointment of Committees by President (See Committee Reports)

Topic I. NEED FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS by Sis. Dorothy Jones, St. James Aux.

Topic II. THE NEED FOR HOME MISSIONS by Sis Pat Milling, St. Mark Aux.

Topic III. NEED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS by Sis. Naomi Olson, Montgomery, Aux.

Special Music "Win the Lost at any Cost" by Sis. Naomi Olson & Sis. Bessie Carr

Offering

Special Music: by Pam Daugherty

Morning Message: by Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Pastor Unity FWB Church

Scripture: Matt. 11:11—St. Luke 7:28 "Women of the Bible"

Sis. Goode announced that display from Montgomery Auxiliary to be shown during noon hour

Adjourned for lunch

Afternoon, April 20, 1974

Return to Auditorium

Hymn by Host Church "Throw Out the Life Line"

Prayer by Sis. Betty Neese, White Rock Auxiliary

SPECIAL PROGRAM by Host Church—Skit "Ladies Aux Meeting"

1st Meeting Unconcerned—2nd Meeting Concerned.

Special Song "Some Day" by Pam Daugherty

Talk by Sis Daugherty—"Women as Stewards for Christ"

Song "He Touched Me" by Pam Daugherty

Presentation of Attendance Banner to White Rock FWB Auxiliary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appreciation Committee:

We, your appreciation Committee, on behalf of everyone present, wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the splendid manner in which we have been entertained and the wonderful meal which was prepared for us. A vote of thanks to the Officers and each speaker who participated in the morning program and to Bro. Johnson for the wonderful message presented to us.

Respectfully submitted—Ruth Boone, Bessie Carr and Elsie Hale

Nominating Committee:

We, the nominating Committee would like to make the following recommendations for officers for the next year:

President: Sis. Pearl Goode

Vice Pres.: Sis. Adgie Mae Deason

Sec.-Treas.: Sis. Bessie Carr

Field Worker: Sis. Daugherty

Respectfully submitted by: Gladys Clawson, Etta Jones and Sis. Lacey

Sis. Adgie Mae Deason declined due to the number of years service as Vice-President. Sis. Daugherty declined as Field Worker as she would be unable to travel due to children at home. It was moved and seconded that Sis. Goode remain as President. Voted and carried. It was moved and seconded that Sis. Bessie Carr be Sec.-Treas. voted and carried. Sis. Betty Neese was nominated for Vice President, voted and carried. Sis. Elsie Hale was nominated for Field Worker. Voted and Carried. New Officers for 1974-1975:

President: Sis. J. M. Goode 3810 Robins Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36109

Vice-Pres.: Sis. Betty Neese, 1911 Rosemont Drive, Columbus, Ga. 31904.

Sec.-Treas.: Sis. Bessie Carr, 3908 Johnstown Drive, Montgomery, Ala. 36109

Field Worker: Sis. Elsie Hale, 104 17th Place, Opelika, Ala. 36801.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION: Sis. Naomi Olson, Sis. Daugherty, Sis. Elsie Hale, Sis. Juanita Wyatt, Sis. Gladys Clawson, Sis. Ruth Postle Waite and Sis. Lowhorn.

BUSINESS

The following motions made and adopted by body.

1. Place of next Meeting. St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City the third Saturday in April 1975.
2. District Project: To take Jimmy and Janie Aldridge as project for next year.
3. That the special offering of \$31.09 be presented to Kenneth Walker Fund.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: by Sis. Ruth Postle Waite, Pres., Montgomery, Aux. Dismissed in Prayer by Sis. J. M. Goode.

LISTED BELOW ARE NEW OFFICERS OF DIST. AUXILIARIES.

WHITE ROCK: Pres. Mrs. Betty Edwards, 901 28th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867—Sec.-Treas. Juanita Wyatt, Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Alabama 36867.

UNITY: Pres. Adgie Mae Deason, 603 Oakland Ave., Sylacauga, Ala. 35150—

Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Jewel D. Sims, 410 South Main Sylacauga 35150.

Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Mary Payne, 604 Oakland Ave., Sylacauga 35150.

OPELIKA: Pres. Marcel Lynn, 2502 - 2nd Ave., Opelika, Ala. 36801—Sec.-

Treas.: Elsie M. Hale, 104 - 17th Pl., Opelika, Ala. 36801

ST. JAMES: President: Dorothy Jones, 3635 Miller Road, Columbus, Ga.

31904—Sec.-Treas.: Etta Jones, 2011 - 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867.

MONTGOMERY: President: Mrs. J. M. Goode, 3810 Robins Rd., Mont-

gomery, Ala. 36109—Sec.-Treas.: Regina Hartzog, 8 Pridemar Drive,

Montgomery, Ala. 36111.

ST. MARK: President: Pat Milling, 502 - 30th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867—

Vice-Pres.: Sis. Mae Lacy, 2106 - 17th Ave., Phenix City, Ala. 36867—

Sec.-Treas.: Maggie Pippins, 1312 So. 8th St., Phenix City, Ala. 36867.

FINANCE REPORT

Brought Forward \$ 22.13

Received for Fees:

White Rock 15.00

Unity 17.50

St. James 20.00

Montgomery 8.75

Opelika 10.00

St. Mark 16.00

Received for Dist. Project (Montgomery)

St. James \$25.00, Unity \$25.00, White Rock

\$25.00, St. Mark \$20.00

Received for State Project 100.00

St. James \$20.00, White Rock \$20.00

Unity \$20.00, Opelika \$20.00, Montgomery \$20.00

Received for FWB College Student Loan Fund 6.80

(Montgomery Auxiliary)

Received for Home Missions 46.95

(Montgomery Aux. \$19.95, \$27.00)

Received for Foreign Missions 28.00

(Montgomery Aux. Pre-Easter Offering)

Received Special Offering 31.08

Total Received \$417.22

Paid Out for Montgomery Project (Dist.) \$ 90.00

Paid Out for State Project 100.00

To State Convention for Fees 67.00

To East Alabama Association for Fees 10.00

To Kenneth Walker (Special Offering) 31.09

To Home Missions 46.95

To Foreign Missions 28.00

To FWB College Student Loan Fund 6.80

To St. Mark Aux. (overpayment of fees) 1.00

To White Rock Aux. (overpayment of fees) 2.50

TOTAL PAID OUT \$388.34

IN TREASURY \$417.22

PAID OUT 388.34

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 28.88

Gladys Clawson, Secretary-Treasurer

May 5, 1974, 3:00 P.M.—Met with Gilbert Free Will Baptist Mission on Gilbert Avenue in Columbus, Georgia, for purpose of organizing into a Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Rodger Milling, Moderator of East Alabama Association, moderated the meeting. Opened with song, "More About Jesus" with Bro. Raymond Ledlowe leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Alton Sellers from White Rock FWB Church in Phenix City. After a few comments by Rev. Milling, the meeting was turned over to Rev. Huey Lacy, from St. Mark Church, to bring the message. Message was taken from Matthew 10, Acts 1 and 2, and John 14. Rev. Rodger Milling presented the Bible to the church. Rev. Alton Sellers read the Church Covenant.

The doors of the church were opened for accepting charter members (for a 30 day period unless the church decides otherwise), with eight people coming forward for membership. After vows were made, the prayer of consecration was given by Rev. Sanford Hale from First FWB Church of Opelika. The selection of the pastor was omitted for the time being.

Election of officers: Clerk, Sis. Myrtle Gayles—Treasurer, Sis. Francis O. Webb—Deacons, Bro. Louie Gayles and Bro. Mason O. Webb. Note: Bro. Gayles has been ordained in a Baptist church and papers will be transferred. Bro. Webb has never been ordained and will be presented at the next association meeting for examination and ordination.

(All of the elections included proper nominations, seconds, and all moves were carried).

Charter Members: Naomi Durden, Mason O. Webb, Frances O. Webb, Runette L. Jones, Annie C. Miller, Doris Kelly, Louis Gayles, and Myrtle Gayles.

Ministers who attended: Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Alton Sellers.

Deacons who attended: Bro. O. A. Gibson, Bro. J. A. Richburg, Bro. J.D. Keeter.

Others who attended: Bro. Ron Olson, Bro. James Allen, Bro. Raymond Ledlowe, Sis. J. D. Keeter, Sis. Pat Milling.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Milling, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS—THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

May 11, 1974, meeting held at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama. Opened with song—"Glad Reunion Day", with Sis. Thompson, pianist, and Bro. Charles Barnett, song leader. Prayer by Bro. Ron Olson. After another song, the meeting was called to order by Sis. Pat Milling, Clerk. After the call for the letters from corresponding churches, the meeting was turned over to Rev. Alton Sellers, Moderator. Bro. Sellers appointed Bro. Ron Olson and Rev. Sanford Hale to read the letters. After songs, "Standing on the Promises" and "My Redeemer", the corresponding letters were read. Amendment was made to accept Gilbert Free Will Baptist Church separately. Amendment passed. Motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Motion made and carried to read letter from Gilbert FWB Church of their organization and accept them in full fellowship. The members of Gilbert Church who were present were given the right hand of full fellowship. The morning devotional was brought by Rev. J. M. Goode from Montgomery. Text—Hebrews 11:8-15. Bro.

Sellers, Moderator, appointed committees. 1. Ordination council—Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Tom Halliman. 2. Business & Finance—Bro. J. L. Edwards, Bro. H. L. Parker, Sis. Virginia Harden, Sis. Flora Jackson, Bro. Jackson from Luverne, Bro. A. T. Byrd, Bro. Lloyd Olsan, Bro. Thomas, Bro. Brown.

Morning Message—brought by Rev. Huey Lacy. Text—Isaiah 5. Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon session—Song—"When We All Get To Heaven", "Gloryland Way", sung by congregation, and "Because He Lives", sung by Linda Johnson. Devotional by Rev. O. Z. Johnson—Text—Acts 2:41.

Reports:

1. Business and Finance Committee—No recommendations.

2. Ordination Committee: Motion made and carried to accept report as read—ordain Richard A. Chapman, Ronald H. Olson; issue certificate to Louie Gayles.

Report of Ordination Council: Scripture: 1 Tim. 3rd chapter. Prayer by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Questioned in their faith on Articles of Faith, Church Decorum and Church Covenant. There was a move and second to ordain Richard A. Chapman, Ronald H. Olson as deacons; to issue Ordination Certificate of Deacon to Louie Gayles.

(Signed) Rev. J. M. Goode, Chairman, Rev. Walter E. Jones, Rev. G. T. Halliman, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. Sanford Hale. The committee voted for Bro. R. W. Milling to serve in Bro. Goode or Bro. Johnson's place in the ordination of Bro. Webb since Bro. Milling is locally and moderator of East Alabama Association.

3. Children's Home Report. There are 28 children at the Home. 13 boys, 15 girls. We need house parents for teenage boys and girls. Butane gas increase. (15c-32c; leveled off to 29c). Garbage pick-up \$10.00-\$12.00. Possibly affected by minimum wage—\$1.90 hour now—\$2.00 hour June 1st. Youth Camp in June—\$25.00 per camper—received \$75.00, need \$625.00. Children's Home Report read by Rev. R. W. Milling, East Alabama Trustee, Move, Second, Carried to accept as information.

4. East Alabama Missions Report:

Balance brought forward	\$1069.62
Received 5-11-74	52.75
Total on hand	\$1122.37

(signed) Rev. R. W. Milling, Trustee

5. Youth Camp report given by Rev. O. Z. Johnson

Move to accept as information. Second carried.

Ordination service was held—charge given by Rev. J. M. Goode. Prayer of consecration by Rev. Walter Jones.

Finance Report

East Alabama Association	\$108.00
Mission Board	52.75
Children's Home	45.00
Total	\$205.75

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
White Rock	12.00	5.00	12.58
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00		
Bethel	12.00	10.00	10.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	
First—Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
First—Opelika	12.00	5.00	30.17
Unity	12.00	5.00	
Gilbert	12.00	5.00	
	108.00	45.00	52.75

Report of meeting of General Board—(Revision of minutes, Decorum, Etc.)

Page 13—Item 3—read “1 or more” deacons—motion made 2nd, carried.

Item 9—change to read “of another church”—Carried.

Item 10—change to read “Majority”—carried.

Item 11—has “been” cited. (insert)—carried.

Item 15—add, “and all votes be taken by count”. carried.

Page 14—Item 23—change to “at least once a year” Motion & second, discussion. Question called. Motion carried.

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Page 14—Item 1—“faith” and practice (insert) Carried.

Page 15—Item 10—Strike out last clause, carried.

Item 16—change to “five” minutes. Carried.

Item 19—Minutes of the last association shall be read at the beginning of each session, carried.

Ministers present: Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Rodger Milling, Rev. Alton Sellers.

Youth Conference—June 7th, 8th.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to bring green sheets (Quarterly report) to the Annual meeting in August.

Pat Milling, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 1974

The seventeenth annual session of East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists was held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. The conference opened with congregation singing led by Bro. Otis Lynn, and Pat Milling at the piano. Song—“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”, Prayer by Rev. O. Z. Johnson, and song, “Victory in Jesus”. The meeting was called to order by Pat Milling, Clerk. After call for corresponding letters from the churches, the meeting was turned over to Rev. Rodger Milling, Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion to accept them

as read was made by Rev. Alton Sellers. Second. Carried. Welcome address was given by Rev. Sanford Hale. After another song, Bro. Milling appointed Rev. Alton Sellers and Bro. Loyd Olsan to read the letters. Morning devotional was brought by Rev. Raymond Ledlowe. Rev. Sellers and Bro. Olsan read the corresponding letters. Move to accept as read and seat the delegates was made. Second. Carried.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Business & Finance: Loyd Olsan, Otis Lynn, J. D. Keeter, Frances Webb, Juanita Wyatt, and Sis. Preston Wright.

Sabbath Day Observance: Nadine Dean, Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Flora Jackson.

Temperance: Ronald Olson, Erma Brown, Sis. Naomi Olsan.

Deceased Committee: Judy Lee, Vera Milling, Sis. Lora Cagle.

Ordination Council: Rev. O. Z. Johnson, J. L. Jones, Walter Jones, Alton Sellers, J. M. Goode.

Song—“Amazing Grace”. Special singing by Sis. Naomi Olsan “Wonderful Peace”. Morning Message—by Rev. Eugene Waddail from Coffers Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with songs “Give Me a Double Portion” and “It’s Bound To Be The Lord”. Devotion was given by Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Test—Luke 10:38.

Committee Reports—Temperance Committee:

We, the Temperance Committee look to I Corinthians 9:25. “And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.”

(signed) Bro. Ron Olson, Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Naomi Olsan

Moved to receive this report and release the committee. Second. Carried.

Sabbath Day Observance Committee:

We, the Sabbath Day Observance Committee: According to Exodus 20:8-11 and Hebrew 10-25 (God’s Word) believe that all Christians will obey His command to forsake **not** the assembling of ourselves together on the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, according to God’s Word; that the first day of the week has been ordained by God as a day of rest and holy service. This day was set aside for total committment to God for His service, and not for wordly pleasures.

(Signed) Sister Nadine Dean, Sister Fannie Whitehurst, Sister Flora Jackson. Moved to receive this report and release the committee. Second, Carried.

Deceased Committee:

We of the East Ala. Association Deceased Committe submit the following names as deceased:

Unity Free Will Baptist: Bro. Robert Nelson, June 1974

St. Mark Free Will Baptist: F. J. Whittaker

First Free Will Baptist of Luverne: Bro. Pete Free, Died November 1973

We of the deceased committee recommend that each church in the East Ala. Association within the next week enclose information as to the name, date of birth, and date of death to Mrs. Pat Milling.

(signed) Mrs. Lora Cagle, Mrs. Vera Milling, and Mrs. Judy Lee.

Moved to receive this report and release this committee. Second. Carried.

Business and Finance:

1. Recommend that the annual meeting be changed to February to bring it in line with the annual report which is due at the February meeting.

Move by Bro. Charles Barnett. Second. Discussion. Carried.

Amendment to the move—that the Trustee to the Children's Home should continue to be elected in August in order to be approved at the State meeting in November. Amendment seconded, passed.

2. List phone numbers of ministers and clerks in the front of the minutes. Moved and second. Carried.

Move and second that this business be voted on item by item. Carried.

(signed) Loyd Olsan, Frances Webb, Juanita Wyatt, Otis H. Lynn, J. D. Keeter, James R. Knighton, Charles Barnett, Nancy O. Wright.

Move by Bro. Charles Barnett to elect officers for period of eighteen months. Second. Carried.

Finance Report

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	30.00
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
First—Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
First—Opelika	12.00	5.00	22.62
White Rock	12.00	5.00	17.01
Bethel	12.00	10.00	10.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Gilbert	12.00	5.00	
	\$108.00	\$50.00	\$79.63

Children's Home Report

1. 25 children in the home now. 2. Sis. Cauthern will begin teaching school in Aug. Only one full time house parent left (Sis. Sides) 3. Not clear yet on minimum wage law. 4. Painted all gutters and cornices, porches. Roof repair. New floor in little boys bedrooms. New windows and porch roof on church. 5. Installed culvert under highway between two pastures for cattle to be watered. \$805.22. 6. Garden paying off fair and corn crop good. 7. Pasture not yet fenced, need 32 rolls barbwire at \$40.00 roll. 8. Foster Parents time for renewal Nov. thru Oct. 9. October meeting — Homecoming. All invited. Will have fried chicken. October 26.

(signed) Rev. Rodger Milling. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report as read. Bro. Johnson made suggestion to put information in the Children's Home report.

East Alabama Mission Fund

Brought Forward	\$1122.37
Rec. 8-10-74	79.63
Total on hand	\$1202.00

Report of Ordination Council

1. Move-Second to give a letter of good standing to Rev. O. Z. Johnson to the Jasper Association. Carried.

2. Move and second that we grant a license to Bro. Ernest Dukes to preach the gospel for one year. Carried.

3. Move, second to ordain Bro. Leland Floyd as a minister of the Gospel. Carried.

Recommend that Bro. Charles Barnett be elected to ordination council to replace Bro. O. Z. Johnson. Move, Second, Carried.

(signed) Rev. Walter E. Jones, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Alton Sellers, Rev. J. M. Goode.

Ordination services were held; the charge was given by Rev. O. Z. Johnson.

Scripture — I Timothy 2:1; 3:1; Titus 2:1.

Election of officers:

Moved and seconded to elect officers for the next eighteen months. (See officers front of minutes.)

There was a move and second for the moderator to take charge of all the quarterly meetings. Carried.

Delegates to the State Convention in November: Bro. Loyd Olsan, Bro. Bob Olson, Sis. Erma Brown, Bro. Ernest Dukes, Sis. Joan Page, Sis. Betty Olson, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Sis. Adgie Mae Dason, Sis. Fannie Wyatt.

There was a move and second to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the food and hospitality. Carried.

Move and second to adjourn. Carried.

Sis. Pat Milling, Clerk

Clerk's Report

Rec. Nov. 1973 Cash	74.57	Paid Out	
Rec. Nov. 1973 Fees	116.00	Children's Home	105.00
Rec. Feb. 1974 Fees	116.00	Clerk	40.00
Rec. Love Offering	37.19	Letter Forms	9.63
Woman's Aux.	10.00	Gas Expense (Harvest Drive)	27.55
May, 1974 Fees	138.00	Checks	1.00
August, 1974 Fees	143.00	Jim Aldridge	37.19
		Stamps, Cards, etc.	6.36
Total	634.76		
Paid Out	226.73	Total Paid Out	226.73
		Printing of Minutes	
Balance	\$408.03	Fees to State	45.00
Fees to State	45.00	Less Cost of Minutes	
Balance on Hand	363.03		

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 one 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). 2. 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 another 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 majority 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 been 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 dis-

orderly 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, and all votes taken by count.

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 once 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. This 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 Baptists and its members adopt the treatise of the national association of Free Will Baptists in faith 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.

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

five 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 the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

19. Minutes of the last Association meeting shall be read and adopted at the beginning 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; Jun. 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 man, 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 in disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psalm 5:15; Jn. 6:44.

7. The Work of Christ. The son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that

is full, free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 2 Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13; Isa. 9:6.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10; Acts. 16:31; Heb. 11:1-6, Rev. 2:10, Jn. 15:9.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. Rom. 11:5-7-28; Rom. 9:11.

10. Freedom of the Will. Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish. Rev. 22:17, Jn. 11:12.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. 2 Col. 13:14; Matt. 11:28; Isa. 45:22; Rev. 22:17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

12. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; M. 1:5; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; John 13:1-17.

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 Conferences, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, etc.

ARTICLE II—DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of directors as elected by the East Alabama District Association.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall be elected as provided in the constitution and by-laws of the district Association according to an arrangement whereby each member has a term of office for five years, and their terms so arranged that only one member's term expires annually.

SECTION 3. In the event irregular vacancies occur on the board of directors between sessions of the District Association, such vacancies shall be filled by the general board of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the East Alabama Association.

SECTION 4. An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held within ten days after each annual meeting of the East Alabama District Association, treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor, and the board shall have authority to create such other offices and elect officers thereto as it may deem necessary.

ARTICLE III—SPECIAL MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or upon the written request of three of more members of the board of directors, provided notices of such meetings are given at least five days in advance of such meeting.

SECTION 2. No member of the board of directors shall receive compensation except that expenses incurred in discharging official duties may be paid.

SECTION 3. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board and absent members may be represented by proxy provided such proxy is accompanied by a signed letter by said director.

ARTICLE IV—DUTIES AND POWERS OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The board of directors shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the board of Christian Education and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws or with policy of the East Alabama Association for the management and 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 officers 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. and C.T.S.

SECTION 2. With a fee of \$2.50 for each S.S. and 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	White Rock	St. James	Bethel	First Luverne	First Opelika	Unity	First Montgomery	Gilbert
Total Members	241	124	353	28	138	173	135	43	13
Received by Statement or Letter	19	4	12	0	3	9	9	11	5
Received by Baptism	9	1	6	0	17	6	4	1	
Deceased	3				1		1		
Dismissed by Letter	9	8	11	1	2	23	8	83	
Pastor's Salary	6,720	3,445	4,680	1,325	1,989	4,265	3,165	2,895	
Building and Repair	5,597	502	677	423	2,100	461	945		
Literature and Other	4,818	3,014	6,265	832	1,275	1,521	1,425	1,475	
Spent for Local Causes	17,135	9,497	14,699	1,255	5,364	6,247	5,850	10,143	
Cooperative Plan		869				1,047			
Foreign Missions		121	254	60		80			
Home Missions	90	149	165	40	25				
Orphanage	228	421	750	74	50	165			
Superannuation	67.71								
Association Projects	20	20	20	20	5	20	20	20	10
Outside Causes	386	1,575	1,569	174	75	949		233	
Total Expenditures	17,521	11,072	16,268	1,429	5,439	7,196	5,850	10,376	
Value of Church Property	50,000	25,000	75,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	50,000	60,000	
Value of Parsonage	10,000	5,000	10,000				8,000	15,000	

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.