

East Alabama Association

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Free Will Baptists

MINUTES 1976

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 1977-1978

Moderator — Rev. Rodger Milling
Asst. Moderator — Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
Clerk — Patricia Milling
Asst. Clerk—Guynette Barnett

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 Year—Rev. Huey Lacy
4 Year—Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
3 Year—Rev. Ricky Liner
2 Year—Rev. Sanford Hale
1 Year—Rev. J. L. Jones

GENERAL BOARD

This board is to be made up of the pastors in the East Alabama Association: Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Glen Monday, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. Sanford Hale, Rev. George I. Stitt.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 Year—James Allen
4 Year—Len Blanchard
3 Year—Randy Carr
2 Year—Gary Knighton
1 Year—Judy Lee

ORDINATION COUNCIL

5 Year—Rev. George Stitt
4 Year—Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
3 Year—Rev. Huey Lacy
2 Year—Bro. Charles Barnett
1 Year—Rev. Sanford Hale

EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND

Treasurer — Rev. Rodger Milling

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Rodger Milling (Elected in August)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 1977-1978

District Woman's Auxiliary—April 16th - First F. W. B. Ch., Montgomery
State Woman's Auxiliary - May 7th, Abbeville, Ala.
2nd First Quarterly Meeting—August 13th, First F.W.B. Church, Montgomery
Third Quarterly Meeting—November 5th, St. James, Phenix City
State Association Meeting—Nov. 10, 11, 12, Sardis F.W.B. Church, Eufaula
20th Annual Meeting—February 11, 1978, St. Mark F.W.B. Church. P.C.

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Rev. Huey Lacy	Rev. J. L. Jones
Rev. Rodger Milling	Rev. L. L. Cobb
Rev. G. T. Halliman	Rev. Chester Best
Rev. Ernest Dukes	Rev. Sanford Hale
Rev. Buford Fountain	Rev. George I. Stitt
Rev. Jimmy Youngblood	Rev. A. T. Byrd
Rev. Glen Monday	Rev. Pickett E. Knighton
Rev. Ricky Liner	Rev. Floyd Gilbert

ORDAINED DEACONS IN GOOD STANDING

Bro. J. M. King	Bro. Ralph Clawson
Bro. L. B. Skinner	Bro. Clyde Blanchard
Bro. J. D. Keeter	Bro. Hurtiss Carr
Bro. R. H. Griffith	Bro. Ken Russell
Bro. O. A. Gibson	Bro. Ray Holmes
Bro. J. A. Richburg	Bro. Eugene Scott
Bro. R. H. Olson	Bro. Vernon Defee
Bro. J. W. Thomason	Bro. Thurmon Reeves
Bro. H. T. Shiver	Bro. Rufus Rushing
Bro. Robert Caswell	Bro. Preston Wright
Bro. Otis Lynn	Bro. Johnny Jones
Bro. Horace Jackson	Bro. Len Blanchard
Bro. Charlie Jones	Bro. Charles Barnett
Bro. Herbert Jones	Bro. James Brown
Bro. Clyde Ratchford	

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THEME: "Lively Stones"

Scripture 1 Peter 2:15

The East Alabama District Convention met at Opelika Free Will Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama on April 17, 1976.

9:30 A.M.

The meeting was opened by singing "To God Be The Glory".

The meeting was called to order by the president. Mrs. Elsie Hale.

Prayer by Sister Gladys Clawson.

Welcoming Address by Sister Marcelle Lynn.

Response by Sister Juanita Wyatt.

President's message by Sister Elsie Hale entitled "Freedom To Flow".

BUSINESS:

Call for Letters.

A song, "All Other Ground is Sinking Sand" was sung as the letters were being presented. Letters from the auxiliaries were read by Sister Gladys Clawson and delegates were seated. A motion was made and seconded that these letters be accepted as read.

SPEAKERS:

Topic 1. "What is Prayer" by Sister Postewait.

Topic 2. "A Life Through Study" by Sister Betty Neese.

Topic 3. "A Life Through Mission Action" by Sister Dorothy Jones.

Minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Appointing of Committees by the President.

Appreciation Committee:

Sister Mae Lacy
Sister Adgie Mae Deason
Sister Judy Johnson
Sister Mary Payne

Nominating Committee:

Sister Betty Neese
Sister Marcelle Lynn
Sister Lorraine Daughtery

The morning offering was taken as Sister Martha Caswell sung a song entitled "One Day At A Time".

Prayer by Brother Lacy.

A special song was sung by Becky Milling entitled "I'm Redeemed".

The morning message was brought by Brother Ray Fletcher. He read Scripture from Ephesians 2: 19-26. Theme "Being Alive Through Christ".

The President expressed appreciation to Brother Fletcher and all who participated in the morning session and dismissed for lunch.

12:30 P.M.

Return to Auditorium.

A Hymn was sung by the congregation.

Prayer by Sister Adgie Mae Deason.

We were then entertained by a skit presented by the host Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

We, the nominating committee, recommend the following officers for the year 1976-77.

President—Sister Adgie Mae Deason

V. President—Sister Ruth Postlewait

Secretary-Treas.—Sister Bessie Carr

Field Worker—Sister Virginia Harden

It was moved and seconded that we accept the above nominees as new officers. The motion was voted on and carried.

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. Fletcher for the wonderful message presented to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Adgie Mae Deason
Mae Lacy
Mary Payne
Judy Johnson

BANNER PRESENTATION:

Banner awarded to Unity Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Sylacauga, Alabama.

A motion was made by Sister Hale that we change the manner in which the banner is earned. The motion was made as follows: The Auxiliary with the largest percent of their membership attending the District Meeting wins the banner, excluding the Host Church. In case of a tie, the auxiliary with the largest number of members attending the meeting will win the banner. This motion was made, seconded and carried.

A motion was made and seconded that we take our special offering of the day in the amount of \$22.61 and send to the Home Mission Church in Enterprise, Alabama.

It was moved and seconded that we take our entire District Project money and send to Marie Hanna, missionary to India. The amount is \$120.00.

Delegates were nominated for the State Auxiliary Convention which will be held in Northport, Alabama on May 1, 1976.

Delegates nominated are as follows:

Marcelle Lynn
Patricia Milling
Hope Liner
Elsie Hale
Norma Fletcher
Ruth Postlewait
Martha Caswell

Place of next District Auxiliary Meeting:

First Free Will Baptist Church, 415 Perry Hill Road, Montgomery, Alabama in April 1977.

Installation of new officers by Sister Patricia Milling.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Adgie Mae Deason.
List of Auxiliary Officers and Financial Report attached.

White Rock Auxiliary

President—Burnette Sutton, Rt. 4, Box 18, Phenix City, AL. 36867
Secretary—Juanita Wyatt, Rt. 3, Box 227, Phenix City, AL. 36867

St. James Auxiliary

President—Virginia Harden, Rt. 5, Box 765, Phenix City, AL. 36867
Secretary—Etta Jones, 2011 - 2nd Ave., Phenix City, AL. 36867

St. Mark Auxiliary

President—Patricia Milling, 502-30th St., Phenix City, AL. 36867
Secretary—Dorothy Griffith, 2011 - 40th St., Phenix City, AL. 36867

Unity Auxiliary

President—Adgie Mae Deason, 603 Oakland Ave. Sylacauga, Alabama
Secretary—Jean Juliano, P.O. Box 482, Sylacauga, Alabama

Montgomery Auxiliary

President—Bessie Carr, 3908 Johnstown Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36109
Secretary—Martha Turner, 335 Rosedon Drive, Montgomery, Alabama

Opelika Auxiliary

President—Elsie Hale, 104 - 17th Place, Opelika, Alabama 36801
Secretary—Martha Caswell, Rt. 1, Box 90, Opelika, Alabama

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 30.88
Received for Fees:	
White Rock	\$ 15.00
Unity	46.50
St. James	18.00
Montgomery	18.00
Opelika	15.00
St. Mark	15.00
TOTAL	\$127.50
Received for District Project:	
Opelika	\$25.00
White Rock	25.00
Montgomery	25.00
St. Mark	20.00
St. James	25.00
Sylacauga	25.00
TOTAL	\$145.00
Received for State Project:	
Opelika	\$ 20.00
White Rock	20.00
Montgomery	20.00
St. Mark	20.00
St. James	20.00
TOTAL	\$100.00

Special offering taken at District Meeting:	\$ 22.61
TOTAL	\$395.11

Paid Out

District Project (Marie Hanna, Missionary to India)	\$145.00
State Project	100.00
State Convention for Fees	106.25
Enterprise Mission (Special Offering)	10.00
Cost for printing Minutes	10.00

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$383.86
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Balance brought forward	\$ 30.88
Received	395.11
Total paid out	383.86

Balance in Bank	\$ 42.13
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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — MAY 8, 1976

Meeting was held at Unity F. W. B. Church in Sylacauga. Meeting opened with song, "He Set Me Free", led by Bro. Len Blanchard. Prayer by Rev. Glen Monday, then song, "Heaven's Jubilee". The clerk called the meeting to order and read the minutes of the last meeting. Move to accept the minutes as read. 2nd. Carried. Move for moderator to appoint people to read the letters from the churches. 2nd. Carried. The moderator appointed Bro. Otis Lynn and Bro. Len Blanchard to read the letters. The welcome was given by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, pastor of Unity F. W. B. Church. Letters were read; move to accept them as read and seat the delegates. 2nd. Carried. Clerk to write Luverne to get their letter. Visitors were welcomed to the meeting. A move was made by Rev. Walter Jones to accept the minutes that covered from November 1974 through February, 1975, as Supplementary Minutes to the 1975 Minutes, which were being printed at that time. 2nd. Carried.

Move was made to have this six-month-period minutes printed in with the regular 1975 minutes. Clerk made comment that this would probably cost extra because more type had to be set up and proof sheets made. The move was seconded and carried. The Business & Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator: Bro. Charlie Jones, Bro. Ron Olson, Bro. Robert Caswell, Bro. Salster, Bro. Eugene Pitzer. A special was sung by Sis. Hope Liner. After this the congregation sung, "It Won't Be Very Long", and "When We All Get To Heaven".

The Montgomery Church had 3 young men as their entries for the State Youth Rally Competition: Doug Postlewait, Joel Ellison, and Jimmy Hardin. Since no other churches had any competitors, they were declared to be the winners from the district to go to the State Youth Rally. After the song, "Amazing Grace", Rev. Ray Fletcher introduced Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, who was morning speaker. His text was Song of Solomon 1:2. Bro. James Brown and Bro. Otis Lynn were appointed to sit in on the ordination council meeting in place of those who were absent. Dismissed in prayer. Lunch.

Afternoon Session:

Congregational song, "I Want To Know More About My Lord", and special by Len Blanchard, "Fill My Cup, Lord".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**BUSINESS AND FINANCE:**

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
Unity	12.00	78.30	65.25
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00		
Totals	\$96.00	\$108.30	\$65.25

Move to accept as read. 2nd. Carried. Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on State Home Missions Board. Move, 2nd, carried to accept as information.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT:

1. 20 children in the home. 2. Carlos Reed graduates this year. 3. Social worker, Mrs. Balinger, a great asset to the home, staff and children. 4. Mrs. Jones, secretary, moving to Miss. 5. Sis. Cunningham (16½ years) is retiring. She works in the kitchen and laundry. 6. Miss Kinnon, graduate of FWBBC will work with teen girls. 7. Miss Castile from FWBBC will work this summer replacing Miss Cunningham. 8. Remodeled food storage room; rat proof. 9. Need new range hood in kitchen, new paint in ceiling. 10. Still spending about \$2,000 more than receiving per month. 11. Youth camp — June \$25 each. 12. Mary Lou Gunter (at the home 1969-75) was killed on April 12th in an auto accident. Saundra Boshell seriously injured, in University Hospital in Birmingham. Had 59 pints of blood—bill \$7,500 after 2 weeks. Will have surgery about 8 times more. Move to accept Bro. Milling's report. 2nd. Carried.

EAST ALABAMA MISSIONS REPORT:

Balance on hand	\$1758.76
Received 5-8-76	65.25

Total on hand\$1824.01

Move, second to accept as read. Carried.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

We recommend Bro. Jerry Johnson be accepted as licensed minister for period of one year. Move to accept report. 2nd. Carried. Move to license him. 2nd. Carried.

Move to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. 2nd. Carried. Point of information—the churches were encouraged to re-appraise the value of the church and property. An offering of \$58.65 was received for the minister's wife who was to go on trial for killing a man. Move to send letter to proper authorities concerning the lady in South Carolina. 2nd. Carried. Rev. Walter Jones moved to consider paying tithes

to the Co-operative Plan from out association. Move to adjourn. Second. Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — August 14, 1976

Meeting held at First Free Will Baptist Church of Luverne. Opened with song, "More About Jesus", led by Bro. Len Blanchard. Prayer by Rev. Glen Monday. Song, "There IS Power In The Blood". After this, Bro. Milling, moderator, called the meeting to order. The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a move to accept as read. 2nd. Carried. It was moved to have the moderator appoint two people to read the letters; 2nd, carried. Bro. Milling appointed Guynette Barnette and Martha Thornton. While they were looking over the letters, Rev. Huey Lacy brought a devotion from Mark 16:15,16, and Isaiah 6:9-11. The letters from the churches were read, and it was moved and seconded to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Carried. The moderator appointed the Business & Finance Committee: Lester Thornton, Chairman, Bro. Scott, Charlie Jones, H. L. Parker, Len Blanchard, Randy Carr, Vernon Defee. Songs, "In The Sweet Forever" and "Blessed Assurance", then a special song by Sis. Hope Liner, "Thank You Lord, For Your Blessings On Me". Rev. J. L. Jones brought a message from II Timothy 2:3, and Rev. Leo Hughes brought a message from Mark 2:1.

Service was closed with song, "Just As I Am". The moderator appointed Rev. Jimmy Youngblood and Bro. Otis Lynn to serve on the Ordination Council in the place of those absent. Dismissed for lunch, with prayer by Carlton Killingsworth.

Afternoon Session:

Opened with song, "Standing On The Promises", led by Bro. Grady McClain and Sis. Martha Thornton at the piano. Prayer by Rev. James Blalock.

REPORTS:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
Unity	12.00	5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00		
Totals	\$96.00	\$35.00	

Move, 2nd, carried to receive this report as read.

BUSINESS REPORT:

Voted to vote on each item individually. Carried. We recommend that the Mission Board search out areas for new churches to be established. Move, 2nd, carried, after discussion. 2. We recommend that each church vote individually on donating \$25.00 per quarter for a youth camp fund. Move, 2nd, carried. 3. We recommend that a special offering be received

for the morning speaker, Rev. Leo Hughes. Move, 2nd, carried. Special music was played by Randy Carr—"At The Cross", while an offering was being received.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

We recommend that we accept Rev. Ricky Liner, pending a letter from Liberty No. 2 Association. Move, 2nd, carried. We recommend that Bro. Clyde Blanchard be ordained as a deacon. Move, 2nd, carried. (signed) Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. Huey Lacy, Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. Carlton Killingsworth.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT:

1. 22 children in the home. 2. 4 coming from Cullman for preplacement visit. 3. Need office secretary. 4. Sis. Lambert's father passed away in June. 5. Still spending \$2,000 more per month than receiving. 6. Good farm and garden. Some pink-eye trouble with cattle. 7. Time to renew foster parents cards. (signed) Rodger Milling. Move, 2nd to accept as read. Carried.

EAST ALABAMA MISSION REPORT:

Old Balance	\$1824.01
Received	118.04

Balance	\$1942.05
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(signed) Rev. Rodger Milling
Move to accept as read. 2nd. Carried.

The association elected new officers to take the place of others who had left this association or passed away:

Asst. Moderator—Rev. Jimmy Youngblood

Executive Committee—5 year term—Rev. Jimmy Youngblood

Board of Christian Education Advisor—Rev. Huey Lacy

Trustee to Children's Home—Rev. Rodger Milling

It was moved to turn the money of the Board of Christian Education over to them, and for them to elect a new treasurer. (They elected Sis. Judy Lee.) 2nd. Carried.

Delegates were selected to go to the State Association Meeting: Move for the moderator to appoint the delegates from those raising their hands stating they believed they could go. 2nd. Carried. The moderator appointed: Sis. Payne, Sis. Brown, Sis. Daughtry, Sis. Monday, Sis. Scott, Sis. Pat Milling, Sis. Blanchard, Sis. Jackson. There was a move to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. 2nd. Carried. A suggestion was made that we have a nominating committee to nominate officers, so we would not choose the same few every time. A motion was made to stand and have a moment of silent prayer in honor of Rev. Walter Jones, who passed away. A move was made, seconded, to pay for the flowers from the association that were sent to the funeral of Rev. Walter Jones. Bro. & Sis. Milling had already paid for them, but the association was to reimburse them. Carried. Move to adjourn. 2nd. Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Blalock.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING—November 6, 1976

The meeting was opened with the song, "I'm In The Glory Land Way", led by Bro. Len Blanchard, with Hope Liner at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. Song, "I'll Be Satisfied". The clerk called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the last meeting were read. There was a move to accept the minutes as read; seconded, carried. The moderator asked the clerk to read the letters from the churches, and while the clerk read over the letters the moderator brought a devotional, reading from the book of Colossians. A motion was made to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Seconded, Carried. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator. The committee was as follows: Chairman—Bro. Len Blanchard, Bro. Grady McClain, Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. H. L. Parker, Sis. Virginia Harden, and Sis. Bobby Sue Wright. After the songs, "Won't It Be Wonderful There", and "When We All Get To Heaven", were sung, a special song was sung by Bro. Kenneth Ray entitled "Hallelujia Square". Rev. Richard Liner introduced Rev. Wayne McDaniel who brought the morning message from Psalms 34:6. His topic was "God Will Take Care of His Own". Song, "Amazing Grace". Dismissed in prayer, during which the blessing was asked on the food, by Bro. Robert Caswell.

Afternoon session: Opened the afternoon session with song, "Glad Reunion Day." Prayer by Rev. George Stitt.

BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions	Youth Camp
Unity	12.00	5.00		
Opelika	12.00	5.00	10.39	
St. James	12.00	5.00		
White Rock	12.00	5.00		
St. Mark	12.00	5.00		25.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00		
Montgomery	12.00	5.00		
Bethel	12.00			
Totals	96.00	35.00	10.39	25.00

Item 2. First F. W. B. Church of Opelika sent \$10.39 for East Ala. Home Missions. 3. Made mention of Youth Camp—each church is encouraged to send money each quarter if they so desire. 4. Clerk contact Montgomery and find out why they weren't represented in letter and fees. (Note—clerk received Montgomery's letter at a later date and their fees are included in the corrected report.) Totals—\$96.00 fees, \$35.00 Children's Home, \$25.00 Youth Camp Fund, \$10.39 East Ala. Missions. This report was accepted item by item. Seconded. Carried.

Old Balance	\$1942.05
Received 11-6	109.22

New balance	\$2061.66
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We also received a check for \$131.06 on Dec. 7, 1976, bringing total on hand to \$2,192.72.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

The ordination council had no business to bring to the floor.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

A report was given by Rev. Ernest Dukes, which was received as information. Move to take up a love offering for Rev. Wayne McDaniels. Second, carried. Received \$43.43. There was a move to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Second. Carried.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT:

1. 20 children in the home. 3 are from Cullman, Ala. Discharged 5. 2. Will baptize 8 in services Sunday morning. 3. Smith Lake Bass Club gave 16 ½-gallon containers of fish. Some of our boys went fishing and caught 20. 4. Dental bill is still up. It was over \$400 last month. 5. We have 2 or 3 children who are having mental health problems and are being treated by the Alabama Mental Health Department at no cost to the Home. 6. We have cared for 36 children this year. 7. 3 of our staff attended the Alabama Child Care Conference in Huntsville. 8. We sold the small pink mobile home for \$650. We bought a 1974 station wagon for \$1,100. The 1970 wagon was totaled out in a wreck. 9. We would like to purchase a dish washer for the kitchen. This will cost about \$1,200. 10. The Georgia Harvest Drive was this week with over \$4,000 in commodities and about \$4,200 in cash. The Ala. Harvest Drive will be November 15-20. Report given by Rev. Rodger Milling. Move to accept as read. Second. Carried. Closed in prayer.

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

November 14, 1976

The meeting opened with the song, "Rescue the Perishing", led by Bro. Otis Lynn and Sis. Myrna Owens at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Charles Allen. Rev. Rodger Milling read scripture Haggai 1:7,8 and 14, and Matthew 16, and brought a message concerning the founding and building of a church. Bro. Milling presented the Bible to this new church as the authority of God, and then he led in prayer. Rev. Huey Lacy read the Free Will Baptist Covenant, and read Mark 3:13-14. He then challenged the church to accept the Covenant.

The doors were opened to receive charter members into the Faith Free Will Baptist Church. Those who came forward and united pledged to faithful fulfill and discharge their obligations as loyal members. A prayer of consecration was given by Bro. Archie Dean Harris. The right hand of fellowship was given to those uniting with this church. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. O. A. Gibson, deacon from St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church.

Charter Members:

Mary and David Terry—Lot 48 Timber Ave., Opelika, Ala.
Joseph Wayne Mitchell—Rt. 5, Box 35, Limekiln Rd., Opelika, Ala.
Pauline Allen and Rev. Charles M. Allen—Rt. 1, Box 178, Auburn, Ala.
Mrs. Pearline Murphy—2117 2 A E Opelika, Ala.
Janis Lucas—203 22nd Street, Opelika, Ala.
Clara L., Debbie, Jerry, and Bobby Tucker—200 22nd Place, Opelika, Ala.
Elizabeth Landers—505 Morris Avenue, Opelika, Ala.

(signed) Pat Milling, clerk

February 12, 1977—Nineteenth Annual Meeting

Opened with song, "He Hideth My Soul", led by Bro. Otis Lynn, song leader, and Sis. Virginia Harden, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Pickett Knighton. Song, "He Keeps Me Singing". Move by Bro. Stitt to change the order of service so the guest speaker will have time to arrive. Second. Carried. The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes were read by the clerk. Move to accept as read. Second. Carried. Letters were read from the churches, and the delegates seated. Devotion by Rev. Rodger Milling, from Galatians, chapter 5. The Business & Finance Committee were appointed by the moderator: Hurtiss Carr, Reuben Page, Otis Lynn, Herman Griffith, Bro. Defee, and A. T. Byrd. Sabbath Day Observance Committee: Sis. Lora Cagle, Guynette Barnett, Sis. Crocker. Temperance Committee: Sis. Dorothy Griffith, Sis. Joan Page, Sis. Byrd. Deceased Committee: Gladys Clawson, Charlie Wright, Pat Taylor.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT:

1. We still have 20 children in the house. 2. We have 12 referrals we are considering. We have had 53 referrals since Jan. 76. Most too old, delinquent, border-line, low IQ, etc. 4. We have one boy, David Hineman, who graduates this year. 5. Carlos Reed still going to trade school studying mining. Mike Reed considering entering West Point. 6. The staff is still the same and doing good job. 7. We installed the dish-washer at a total cost of \$1418.32. We had contributions of \$464. 8. Good beef and pork program. 24 hogs and 34 beef. Lost 1 cow and 4 calves due to winter. 10. New officers, Chairman: J. L. Lavender, V. Chairman Jimmy Connors, Clerk—Rodger Milling, Asst. Clerk David Kirkland, Ex. Board—Bro. Yerby, A. J. Lambert, Bro. Harold Shotts.

The churches which would volunteer to have the quarterly meetings and the next annual meeting were selected:

1st Quarterly—Unity, Sylacauga, Ala.
2nd Quarterly—Montgomery, Ala.
3rd Quarterly—St. James, Phenix City, Ala.
Annual—St. Mark, Phenix City, Ala.

Bro. Stitt made the announcements concerning the noon meal. Songs were sung while the ladies were getting the meal prepared, "I Am Resolved", and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". Dismissal and the blessing was asked on the food by Bro. Hurtiss Carr.

Afternoon session: The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Bro. Stitt introduced Fawzy Shorrosh, a Palestinian, as the guest speaker. A special offering was received after his very inspirational message. The offering was \$80.00.

REPORTS:

SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE: We the Sabbath Day Observance Committee recommend that we remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy and remember that according to St. Mark 2:27 "The Sabbath Day was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. (Signed) Laura Cagle, Ruby Crocker, and Guynette Barnett.

TEMPERANCE: We, your Temperance Committee, look to God's holy Word: Titus 1:8—That every man be a lover of hospitality; also a lover

of good men, to walk in a Christ-like manner, and to be an example for all Christians. (signed) Dorothy Griffith, Joan Page, Mattie Byrd.

DECEASED COMMITTEE:

We, the deceased committee, give the following report: Unity—Jeffie Buck—April 11, 1976, Joseph Jones—June 26, 1976, Jessie King—Sept. 30, 1976, and Mattie Parker—Nov. 13, 1976.

St. James—Kate Ford—June, 1976. Ophelia Carroll—Feb. 1976,
Tressie Mae Bockman—Sept., 1976, Rev. Walter E. Jones—June 10, 1976.
Opelika—Mary Lou Myers

We, the Deceased Committee, ask that any missing information be submitted to Pat Milling within the next 2 weeks and hereafter submit with your yearly reports. (signed) Gladys Clawson, Pat Taylor, Nancy Wright. A poem was read in memory of Rev. Walter E. Jones, Prayer by Bro. Milling.

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

We recommend that the association accept in full fellowship Rev. Buford Fountain and Rev. P. E. Knighton. Move, second, carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

We, the Executive Board recommend withdrawals of fellowship from White Rock Church because they have a pastor that is not a licensed and ordained Free Will Baptist. After discussion and prayer, this item was tabled until the next meeting by a vote of the congregation.

BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions	Youth Camp
Unity	12.00	5.00		
Opelika	12.00	5.00		25.00
St. James	12.00	5.00		
St. Mark	12.00	5.00		25.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00		
Montgomery	12.00	5.00		
Bethel	12.00			
Totals	84.00	30.00	00.00	50.00

BUSINESS:

1. Item 2 of Church Decorum: Recommend to read, "The pastor, if he is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, shall be moderator of all church conferences. When he is absent or does not serve, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons shall serve in his place, and in his absence some other suitable brother may be selected by majority vote of the congregation."

Moved, 2nd, carried.

2. Item 27 of Church Decorum: Strike from the decorum. Will be placed in the Bi-Laws. Move, 2nd, carried.

3. Item 20 of By-Laws: Recommend to read, "Licensed Free Will Baptist preachers may be ordained after having been licensed for one year. The only exception shall be when a properly licensed preacher (FWB) is called to pastor a Free Will Baptist Church, then he may be ordained before the year is completed." Move, second, carried.

4. Recommend that "or from a local church" be stricken. Move, second, carried.

5. Item 23 of By-Laws: "This association shall not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes, or any man who has been divorced and remarried." Amendment: "If first wife still living." Amendment seconded, carried. Move, second, carried original motion.

6. Item 24 of By-Laws: Recommend, "Each pastor shall be accepted by the ordination council before being placed on any board or permanent committee". Move, second, carried.

7. Item 25 of By-Laws: Recommend, "A minister coming to this association for the first time shall bring a photostatic copy of his ordination papers, or some other proof of his having been ordained as a Free Will Baptist. Such papers shall be kept by the clerk." Move, second, carried. Amendment: "A person coming from a local church not a member of an association be examined by the ordination council." Move, second, carried to accept amendment.

It was moved, seconded & carried to pay for the phone calls that were made concerning the Blalock Investigation, which totaled \$31.50. Passed. Rev. Huey Lacy gave a report of the State Home Mission Board, which was accepted as information. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their delicious food and kind hospitality.

Nomination of officers: See page one. There was a move that no officers be elected from White Rock Church. Second. Carried. There also was a move to keep the letter from White Rock Church to the East Ala. Association. Second, Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

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, if he is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, shall be moderator of all church conferences. When he is absent or does not serve, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons shall serve in his place, and in his absence some other suitable brother may be selected by majority vote of the congregation."

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 helpers 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 acknowledgement 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, 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 continue, 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. 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 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. Licensed Free Will Baptist preachers may be ordained after having been licensed for one year. The only exception shall be when a properly licensed preacher (FWB) is called to pastor a Free Will Baptist Church then he may be ordained before the year is completed.

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.

23. This association shall not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes, or any man who has been divorced and remarried, if first wife is still living.

24. Each pastor shall be accepted by the ordination council before being placed on any board of permanent committee.

25. A minister coming to this association for the first time shall bring a photostatic copy of his ordination papers, or some proof of his having been ordained as a Free Will Baptist. Such papers shall be kept by the clerk.

A person coming from a local church not a member of an association be examined by the ordination council.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Holy Bible. The Scriptures of the Old Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; 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. Psa. 19:12; Psa. 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psa. 22:28.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man 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; 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. 11:16; 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 I—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 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 consistent 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 the chairman, the assistant chairman shall serve as chairman until 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. 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.

Total Members	248	140	28	360	84	179	60	1,099
Rec. by Statement or Letter	9	3		4	15	29	9	69
Rec. by Baptism	0	12	1	10	6	14	5	48
Deceased/Dismissed	9	1	2	6	90	7	1	116
Pastor's Salary	8060	4531	1300	3020	7380	4425	9500	38,216
Building & Repair	5659	2312	423	738		38412	77	47,621
Spent for Local Causes	21549	9203	2664	20281	10648	53052	19733	137,130
Cooperative Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign Missions	20		30	349	180	234		813
Home Missions	120		30	451	48	251	95	995
Children's Home	621	20	255	20	20	396	20	1,352
Retirement & Insurance	104		117			58	21	300
Associational Projects	50				35	306		391
Outside Causes	964		432	995	228	1256	157	4,032
Total Expenditures	22513	9203	3096	21276	10876	54308		121,272
Value of Church Property	81000	22000	10000	90000	20000	142000	75000	372,500
Value of Parsonage	21000					50000	15000	86,000

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 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.