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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 micellaneous 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.

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OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1979-1980

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 Year — Rev. Ken Driggers	3 Year — Rev. Huey Lacy
4 Year — Rev. J. L. Jones	2 Year — Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
1 Year — Rev. Charles Allen	

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 Year — Gary Knighton
 4 Year — Judy Lee
 3 Year — James Allen
 2 Year — Len Blanchard
 1 Year — Rev. Don Hartzog

ORDINATION COUNCIL

5 Year — Rev. Dennis Keen
 4 Year — Rev. Charles Allen
 3 Year — Rev. Don Hartzog
 2 Year — Rev. P. E. Knighton
 1 Year — Rev. Huey Lacy

GENERAL BOARD

This board is to be made up of the pastors in the East Alabama Association as follows: Rev. Kenneth Driggers, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. O. C. Snow, Rev. Dennis Keen, Rev. Charles Allen, and Rev. David Kemper (pending receipt of letter).

EAST ALABAMA MISSION FUND TREASURER

Ronald H. Olson

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

Rodger Milling
 (Elected in August)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 1979-1980

District Woman's Auxiliary — April 21, 1979 — St. James, Phenix Cty
 First Quarterly Meeting — May 12, 1979 — St. James, Phenix City
 National Association — July 15-19, 1979 — Charlotte, North Carolina
 Second Quartely Meeting — August 11, 1979 — First Church, Opelika
 Third Quarterly Meeting—November 3, 1979—First Church, Montgomery
 State Woman's Auxiliary — May 5, 1979
 22nd Annual Meeting (District)—Feb. 9, 1980—St. Mark, Phenix City
 State Association Meeting — November 8, 9, 10, 1979

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 Standard Time.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Rev. Huey Lacy	Rev. A. T. Byrd
Rev. G. T. Halliman	Rev. Pickett E. Knighton
Rev. Ernest Dukes	Rev. Floyd Gilbert
Rev. Rodger Milling	Rev. Dennis Keen
Rev. Jimmy Youngblood	Rev. Kenneth Driggers
Rev. Ricky Liner	Rev. Jerry Johnson
Rev. J. L. Jones	Rev. Charles Allen
Rev. L. L. Cobb	Rev. Don Hartzog
Rev. Chester Best	Rev. David Kemper (pending)
Rev. Sanford Hale	Rev. Ronnie Knighton (pending)
Rev. George T. Wade	Rev. O. C. Snow
Rev. Mike Nelson	

LICENSED MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

H. T. Shiver-5-13-78 <i>ORD-5-79</i>	Dean Harris-8-12-78 <i>Ord-8-11-79</i>
Johnny Jones-11-4-78	Henry Shellman-8-12-78 <i>Ord 8-11-79</i>
Hugh Owens-2-10-79	Homer Dunn-2-11-78

ORDAINED DEACONS IN GOOD STANDING

Bro. J. M. King	Bro. Hurtiss Carr
Bro. L. B. Skinner	Bro. Ken Russell
Bro. J. D. Keeter	Bro. Ray Holmes
Bro. O. A. Gibson	Bro. Eugene Scott
Bro. J. A. Richburg	Bro. Vernon Defee
Bro. R. H. Olson	Bro. Thurmon Reeves
Bro. J. W. Thomason	Bro. Preston Wright
Bro. Robert Caswell	Bro. Len Blanchard
Bro. Otis Lynn	Bro. James Brown
Bro. Horace Jackson	Bro. Charles Phillips
Bro. Charlie Jones	Bro. Frank Chappell
Bro. Herbert Jones	Bro. Gary Beaty
Bro. Clyde Ratchford	Bro. J. L. Massey
Bro. Clyde Blanchard	

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING — MONTGOMERY

MAY 13, 1978

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Huey Lacy. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Len Blanchard. The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved with two changes: Youth Camp will be the first week in August, and the Board of Christian Education, two-year term was left open. Move, seconded, carried. The Moderator, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, challenged the congregation from II Timothy 2:2. Two people were appointed to read the letters: Bro. Don Hartzog and Bro. Otis Lynn. After the song, "Amazing Grace", the letters were read and the delegates seated. The letters were approved as read. The moderator welcomed Rev. Glen Allen Hood and his family to our association meeting. The following committees were appointed:

BUSINESS & FINANCE—Bro. Len Blanchard, Bro. J. D. Keeter, Bro. Preston Wright, Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. Charlie Jones, Bro. Dean Harris, Sis. Mattie Byrd, and Bro. Gene Pitzer. Bro. Frank Chappell was appointed to serve for today on the Ordination Council. After two songs were sung, Rev. Ken Driggers introduced Rev. Glen Allen Hood from Center Point Free Will Baptist Church in Center Point, Ala. Bro. Hood's text was taken from Ezekiel 22:23. The State Youth Rally will be June 3 at First F. W. B. Church in Jasper. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Ken Driggers.

ARTERNOON SESSION: The afternoon session opened with two song, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?" and "Just Any Day Now", by Len Blanchard. The Moderator asked each church to be responsible for registering Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and Visitors at each meeting.

REPORTS

BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT: 1. It was recommended to increase the fees to \$20 per quarter. Move, 2nd, carried. 2. It was moved to read only the important information on the quarterly letters and to eliminate unnecessary information. After discussion, the motion was changed, asking the clerk to combine the quarterly reports and make one report to give to the churches. Churches are to send in reports 2 weeks before each meeting. Move, 2nd, carried. 3. It was moved to give the moderator power to appoint committees. This was already in the minutes. No need for a vote.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT: The Board of Trustees received a love offering for Bro. & Sis. Lambert of \$889.76 from the Trustees and the Home. They have been at the Home for twenty years. 2. Sis. Sides will retire probably in November after thirty years. We will try to give her a large retirement gift, at the State Meeting in November.

(signed) Rev. Rodger Milling. Report received as information. East Alabama Mission Report for Ron Olson givey by Pat Milling:

On hand in National Bank & Trust Co., Cols., Ga.	1898.88
Received from 1st F. W. B. Church, Opelika	10.48
Total on hand as of this date 13 May, 1978	1909.36

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT — Recommended Bro. H. T. Shiver be licensed to preach for one year. Move, 2nd, carried. Rev. Dennis Keen is accepted due to receipt of his letter. A love offering was received for Bro. Glen Allen Hood - 38.75. It was moved to accept the treasurers report as read. Second, carried. Move to give total of \$60.00 to Bro. Hood. Second, carried. Nomination for two-year term for Board of Christian Education—Bro. Don Hartzog. Move, second, carried. The General Board is to meet May 30, 1978. The General Board report was given by Rev. Dennis Keen. Accepted as information.

FINANCE REPORT

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Youth Camp	E. Ala. Miss.
Unity	12.00	5.00	25.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	25.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00		
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	25.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00		
Luverne	12.00	5.00		
Bethel	12.00			
Faith	12.00	5.00		
	\$96.00	\$35.00	\$75.00	00

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING — AUGUST 12, 1978

LUVERNE, ALABAMA

The meeting opened with song, "I'm In the Glory Land Way," led by Bro. Lynn with Myrna Owens at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Snow, followed by another song, "Victory In Jesus". Rev. Huey Lacy filled in as Assistant Moderator. He asked Rev. A. T. Byrd to bring a devotional. His thoughts were based on Psalms 122. The clerk called the meeting to order and read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Bro. Lacy appointed Mark Milling and Don Hartzog to read the letters. It was moved to seat the delegates with amendment added to seat St. James delegates when they arrive. Move, 2nd, motion & amendment carried. The Business & Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Bob Olson, Bro. A. T. Byrd, Bro. Wayne Mitchell, Bro. Gene Pitzer, Sis. Elsie Hale, Bro. Shellman, Bro. Defea. The Board of Christian Education was asked to meet at lunch. After the song "I Will Sing of My Redeemer", Bro. Keen led in prayer. After another song, the moderator asked for an altar prayer for Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, who has leukemia.

After this, Bro. J. L. Jones introduced Rev. Ken Driggers from First F. W. B. Church in Montgomery. Bro. Driggers brought the morning message from I Corinthians 3:1 and 8:1, with his thoughts based on Christian liberty. After this we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION: The afternoon session opened with several songs. Reports were given as follows:

BUSINESS & FINANCE REPORT

Fees Received - \$135.00, Children's Home - 25.00, Youth Camp - 125.00, East Alabama Missions - 00. A love offering was received for Sis. Sides, which was 51.60, and a check was received for her for 100.00, which made a total of \$151.60 for her retirement gift. This report was received as read.

EAST ALABAMA MISSIONS REPORT

Balance on Hand - 1909.36; no money received; New Balance carried forward - 1909.36. (Signed) Ronald H. Olson, Treasurer. Bro. Huey Lacy gave a report on the Home Missions Board. This was received as information.

Children's Home Report:

1. Bro. Billy Wilson was appointed Assistant Superintendant. 2. Insurance inspectors said we need a hood over all cooking equipment with built in fire extinguishers. 3. Child-Care Conference in Birmingham October 4-6. 4. Cost of helping children is high per child. 22 children average 140,000-6,300 per child. 32 children average 4,300 per child. Report received as information. Delegates to the State Association were appointed: Hugh Owen, Myrna Owens, Bro. Pitzer, Sis. Driggers, Marcel Lynn, Martha Caswell, Sis. Buna Mae Sanders, Pat Milling. It was moved to accept these as delegates. Second, carried. Bro. R. W. Milling was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home. Move was made, seconded, carried, to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Ordination Council Report: Bro. O. C. Snow was licensed to preach. He will bring his papers from his former denomination, turn them in to the clerk, and she will give him his new papers. Tommy Wade was licensed to preach, Dean Harris licensed to preach, and Henry Shellman was licensed to preach. This was recommended to the floor by the Ordination Council and properly moved, seconded, and carried. We discussed what to do

with the Youth Camp Funds. It was decided that each church who had given to this fund were to decide what to do with their portion, and this information will be brought back to the next meeting. We were dismissed in prayer by Archie Dean Harris.

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING — NOVEMBER 4, 1978

1ST CHURCH OF OPELIKA

The meeting was opened with a song, with Rev. Ronnie Knighton as song leader and pianist Judy Lee. Bro. Youngblood, Moderator, opened the meeting and asked Rev. Huey Lacy, pastor of the host church, to give the welcome. The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved as read. Bro. Youngblood asked Rev. Rodger Milling to bring a devotional. His thoughts were based on I John 1:1-8. The clerk read the letters from the churches, which was a combined report. The letters were approved as read and the delegates seated. The Business and Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Chairman-Bro. Charlie Jones, Bro. Parker, Bro. Chappell, Bro. James Brown, Bro. Eugene Pitzer, Sis. Mattie Ruth Byrd, Bro. Charles Phillips, Sis. Carolyn Harris. Rev. Huey Lacy, pastor of the First Church in Opelika, introduced Rev. David Kemper, new pastor of St. Mark F. W. B. Church. Bro. Kemper called on Rev. Clarence Workman, evangelist from Ohio, to give a word of testimony. Bro. Kemper then brought the morning message from Luke 9:57-62. After the message, the meeting was dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION: The afternoon sessions opened with a song and prayer. After another song the Moderator brought a devotional from I Corinthians 1:10: His theme was unity - in belief, actions, and purpose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Committee Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Youth Camp	E. Ala. Miss.
1st Opelika	20.00	5.00		
Luverne	20.00	5.00		
Bethel	20.00			
Faith	20.00	5.00	25.00	
St. Mark	20.00	5.00		
Unity	15.00	5.00		
Montgomery	20.00	5.00		
St. James	20.00			
St. James (Aug.)	20.00	10.00		
	175.00	40.00	25.00	00

There was a move and second to accept the report as read. Carried. 2. Two churches gave incorrect amount - Opelika and Sylacauga. Received as information. 3. Move to comply with requests of two churches who said what do with their Youth Camp Money. Also to abandon the idea of a Youth Camp. Move, second, carried.

Ordination Council Report: We recommend that Rev. Ronnie Knighton be accepted into this association pending a letter from his association. We recommend that Rev. David Kemper be accepted pending a letter from his association. We recommend that Bro. Johnny Jones be licensed to preach for one year. All three items were moved, seconded and carried. There was congregational singing while the ordination council examined Bro. O. C. Snow for ordination. Report as follows:

The majority of the ordination council recommend that Bro. Snow's papers be exchanged for ordination papers. Move, second, carried.

Children's Home Report: A report was given by Rev. Rodger Milling and received as information. It was moved that the East Alabama Association send a letter to the State Association encouraging the Children's Home to remain open and denouncing those that would have it closed. Second, carried. Bro. Lacy thanked Faith Church for helping to prepare food for the Association Meeting. He also announced that he had resigned from the State Home Missions Board. Bro. Ken Driggers was nominated to replace him. Move, second, carried. A love offering was received for the Children's Home - 57.25.

East Alabama Missions Report: Old Balance - 1909.36, nothing received, Balance carried forward - 1909.36. (signed) Ron Olson, Treasurer. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Second, carried. Move to give right hand of fellowship to Bro. Snow. Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. P. E. Knighton

***Note** — Montgomery church requested that money for Youth Camp be given to Board of Christian Education to use as they see fit. St. Mark requested their money be refunded to them.

Also we received a request for a letter from our association for Rev. Jerry Johnson.

21ST ANNUAL MEETING — FEBRUARY 10, 1979 UNITY, SYLACAUGA

The meeting opened with prayer and songs. The clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved with one correction - Opelika Church paid \$8 cash last time, so they paid the total of \$20 fees. Bro. Youngblood welcomed visitors to the meeting. The Moderator brought a devotional from Ephesians 5:25 - the Church's Four-Fold Ministry: Physical, mental, material, and spiritual needs.

The committees were appointed as follows: Business and Finance: Dennis Keen, chairman, Bro. Otis Lynn, Ricky Liner, John Mitchell, Gene Pitzer, Herbert Parker, Bro. J. D. Keeter. Sabbath Day Committee: Ruth Postlewait, chairman, Teresa Nelson and Lilly Jones. Temperance Committee: Myrna Owens, Linda Massey, and Marcel Lynn. Deceased Committee: Wayne Mitchell, H. L. Parker, Elizabeth Landers. After a song, Bro. Youngblood introduced Rev. Arthur Renfroe from Pell City, Alabama, who brought the morning message. His text was Job 1:6 and Chapter 2. His theme was "Give Me A Man".

Afternoon session: The afternoon session opened with congregational singing, after which the moderator called for the Committee Reports. The Youth Camp will be the first week in August. Bro. Ron Olson gave the East Alabama Missions Report to the clerk, stating that nothing had been turned in and the balance remained the same - 1909.36. Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Rodger Milling and accepted as information. The moderator called on Rev. Mike Nelson to bring a devotional. His thoughts were from Ephesians 2:1,4, and 6, and he gave his personal testimony of his life.

Deceased Committee Report: Sis. Evie Lou Terry, Sis. Bessie Jenkins, from St. Mark; Adie Walton from Unity in Sylacauga; Fannie Whitehurst and Allen Hendon from St. James. Received as information. The moderator asked for a silent prayer in memory of those departed and David Kemper closed the prayer.

Sabbath Day Committee Report: We the Sabbath Day Committee recommend stressing the importance of keeping the Sabbath Day holy to our children, before they forget what the Sabbath Day is for. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he

should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We also recommend that the clerk of our East Alabama Association write a letter to the Governor of Alabama asking that all unnecessary businesses be closed on Sunday. Move, second, carried to receive as information.

Temperance Committee Report: We the Temperance Committee looking to II Peter 1:5-8, remind you that we should have temperance in all things. Move to accept as read. Second, carried.

Business Committee Report: We recommend that we receive St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church into the East Alabama Association pending two letters - one from their church and one from the Chattahoochee Association. Second, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Youth Camp	E. Ala. Miss.
Unity	20.00	5.00		
Opelika	20.00	5.00		
St. James	20.00	5.00		
St. Mark	20.00	5.00		
Montgomery	20.00	5.00		
Luverne	20.00			
Bethel	20.00			
Faith	20.00	5.00		
	160.00	30.00	00	00

Moved, second, carried to receive this report as read.

Ordination Council Report: We recommend that Hugh Owens be given a license to preach the gospel for one year. We recommend that George T. Wade be ordained to preach the gospel. We recommend that Mike Nelson be reinstated to preach the gospel. We recommend that Lee Massey be ordained as a deacon. We recommend that Rodger Milling be reinstated as ordained minister. All five items were properly moved, seconded, and carried. Rev. Charles Allen brought the charge to Rev. G. T. Wade and Bro. J. L. Massey, who were ordained as minister and deacon.

A love offering of 45.32 was received for the visiting preacher, Rev. Arthur Renfroe from Pell City. Rev. Kenneth Driggers gave a report on the State Home Mission Board, which was received as information. Bro. Youngblood asked the Business Committee to consider having a nomination committee for next year. It was moved to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. We were dismissed in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Balanace brought forward - Feb. 1978	261.45
Received - Fees - Feb.	108.00
May	96.00
August	135.00
November	175.00
Feb. 1979	160.00
Received for Children's Home - Feb.	20.00
May	5.00
August	—
November	72.25
Feb. 1979	5.00
Received for Minutes from Woman's Aux. 78	10.00
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Received for Speakers - Glen Allen Hood	38.75
Received for Speakers - Arthur Renfroe	45.32
Received from Sis. Sides	51.60
Total on hand	1193.37

PAID OUT:

Rev. Ken Walker - Motel	19.30
Children's Home - Feb. 78	20.00
May 78	5.00
Aug. 78	—
Nov. 78	72.25
Feb. 79	5.00
Randall Book Store (Forms)	2.38
(Ordination Certificates)	6.00
Clerk - Feb. 78, May 78, Aug. 78.	
Nov. 78, and Feb. 79	50.00
Glen Allen Hood	60.00
Sister Sides	51.60
Columbus Office Supply - Minutes	368.16
Alabama State Association Fees	40.00
Rev. Arthur Renfroe	45.32
Total Paid Out	745.01
Total on Hand	1193.37
Total Paid Out	745.01
Balance on Hand	448.36
(Note - This does not show the cost of printing minutes for 1979)	

THEME: "God needs dedicated Women". Scripture Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

The East Alabama District Convention met at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, on April 15, 1978.

The meeting was opened by the Congregation singing "Can the World See Jesus In You".

The district President, Sister Ruth Postlewait, called the meeting to order and asked Sister Pat Milling to lead in Prayer.

The response was to be given by a member from the Luverne Church but she was not present.

Sister Ruth thanked the host church for having us.

The Presidents message concerned women and how they could become more dedicated to God. She gave her own personal testimony about what the Lord has done in her life.

A song was sung while the letters were being brought forward.

A list of the delegates were turned in and were read by the secretary. The call was made for the secretary and treasurer's reports to be read. They were both read and accepted as read.

Appointment of Committees by the President:

Nominating Committee

Sister Erma Brown
Sister Juanita Pitzer
Sister Melisa Richard

Appreciation Committee

Sister Beatrice Austin
Sister Kay Karden
Sister Carole Keen

Finance Committee

Sister Pat Milling
Sister Kay Russell
Sister Ellen Jones

Business Committee

Sister Pam Driggers
Sister Hope Liner
Sister Sherry Montgomery

The St. James and Unity Churches gave an encouraging report on the growth of their auxiliaries.

Old Business:

The President asked Patricia Milling to give a report on the progress of the Youth Camp Project.

New Business:

The President asked that an address and phone number be given so that the new president will be able to contact each auxiliary.

Speakers:

Topic I — "The Field of Motherhood" - by Kay Russell - Mont.

Topic II — "The Career Woman" - by Dimple Carden - St. James

Topic III — "The Dedicated Wife" - by Pam Driggers - Mont.

The President dismissed in prayer for a short break and asked that we return to the auditorium soon.

After the break, we met back in the auditorium and sang a hymn entitled, "Ring the Bells of Heaven".

The morning offering was taken at this time by two of the young people present.

The Morning Message was then brought by Bro. Ken Driggers.

Subject: You must have saved women before you can have dedicated women: Scripture taken from Matthew 27:25 - After the Message, we were dismissed by Brother Liner for our lunch break and he asked a blessing on the food.

After lunch, we met back in the auditorium and sang a hymn entitled "Victory In Jesus".

Sister Juanita Pitzer was asked to lead in Prayer.

Brother Driggers and his family sang a special entitled "Since Jesus Passed By".

The Host Church entertained us with a skit named "How to keep your auxiliary members from coming to auxiliary meetings".

The President asked that all auxiliary members gather around the altar for a time of Prayer.

St. James won the Auxiliary Banner with 75% of their members present.

The Committee Reports were given. See attached sheets.

Delegates to the State Meeting were elected as follows:

Pam Driggers	Dorothy Jones
Betty Youngblood	Pat Milling
Linda Blanchard	Wanda Ray
Wanda Moore	Pat Taylor
Etta Jones	Dimple Carden

A motion was made and carried that the Host Church always provide the speaker for the District Auxiliary Meeting.

A motion was made and carried that the Business Committee always recommend where we send our money each year.

Hope Liner volunteered to carry the gifts we had collected for the Provision Closet to Nashville.

The installation of the new officers was made by Patricia Milling.

The Project Money and Special Offering of \$21.85 to be sent to Allen & Larue Crawson in Foreign Missions.

The meeting was dismissed in Prayer by our President Sister Ruth Postlewait.

1979 OFFICERS

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 Vice President Patricia Milling
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 Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Dorothy Jones
 3635 Miller Road — Columbus, Georgia 31904
 Field Worker Hope Liner
 Sylacauga, Alabama 35150

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Appreciation Committee:**

We would like to thank this Church for having the meeting today and for all the food that was prepared for us. Now we would like to have a rising vote of thanks.

Respectively Submitted,
 Beatrice Austin
 Carole Keen
 Kay Carden

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that our 1979 District Meeting be held at St. James Church in Phenix City.
2. We recommend that our District Offering and our Love Offering be sent to Allen & LaRue Crawson, Missionaries to Ivory Coast, Africa.
3. We recommend that each district bring five dollars (\$5.00) to furnish expenses of guest speaker.
4. We recommend that each lady bring a love offering for Home Missions and that we be reminded in a letter before our district meeting.
5. We recommend that each auxiliary mail their letters to our Secretary-Treasurer two (2) weeks before the day of our district meeting; and also, that they send a two dollar (\$2.00) offering for our President's and Secretary-Treasurer's mailing expenses.

Respectively Submitted,
 Pam Driggers, Chairman
 Hope Liner
 Sherry Montgomery

Nominaing Committee:

We recommend the following women for the new officers:

President Ruth Postlewait
 Vice President Pat Milling
 Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Jones
 Field Worker Hope Liner

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Youth Camp	E. Ala. Miss.
Montgomery	12.00	20.00	25.00	5.00
Sylacauga (Unity)	28.50	20.00	25.00	5.00
St. James	18.00	20.00	25.00	5.00
St. Marks	3.00	.00	.00	.00
Opelika	15.00	20.00	25.00	5.00

1978 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward 48.13

Received for fees:

Montgomery	\$12.00
Sylacauga (Unity)	28.50
St. James	18.00
St. Mark	3.00
Opelika	15.00
TOTAL	\$76.50

Received for District Project:

Montgomery	\$25.00
Sylacauga (Unity)	25.00
St. James	25.00
St. Mark	.00
Opelika	25.00
TOTAL	\$100.00

Received for State Project:

Montgomery	\$20.00
Sylacauga (Unity)	20.00
St. James	20.00
St. Mark	.00
Opelika	20.00
TOTAL	\$80.00

Special Morning Offering taken at District Meeting	\$21.85
Offering for Speaker:	
Montgomery	\$ 5.00
Sylacauga (Unity)	5.00
St. James	5.00
Opelika	5.00
TOTAL	\$20.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$346.48

PAID OUT

District Project (Allen & LaRue Crawson) Ivory Coast	\$121.85
State Convention for Money Tree	5.00
State Project	80.00
State Convention for Fees	63.75
Cost for Printing Minutes	10.00
Gift for Speaker of the Day	20.00
TOTAL	\$300.60
Total Money Received	346.48
Total Money Disbursed	300.60
Balance in Bank	45.88

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 in 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 door 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 acknowledgment shall be recorded in the minutes in the church books.

13. Members dismissed from the church by letter, who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

14. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition, if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

15. A vote shall not be taken on any question without being moved and seconded and all important questions must be moved and seconded and the vote taken by members rising to their feet, 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. 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 and 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 in 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 minister 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 attribute 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. Ps. 19:12; Psa. 145:10; Acts 1:28; 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 Savior 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; 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 all 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; Act 17:31.

Total Members	25	107	130	8	54	41	184	411
Rec. by Statement or Letter	5	8	12	8	9	3	8	15
Rec. by Baptism	2	2	12	6	16	13	12	1
Deceased/Dismissed	4	1	1	17		8	3	
Pastor's Salary	2210	2300	5151	8060	1270	5375	10400	9984
Building & Repair	6730	2971	12226	1462	546	902	3080	325
Spent for Local Causes	10259	10239	18597	20678	2867	20846	23776	30298
Cooperative Plan	116			238				425
Foreign Missions		175			45			785
Home Missions	205	100	62			313		
Children's Home	678	215	70	256	123	20	20	446
Retirement & Insurance								
Associational Projects								
Outside Causes	1195	490	132	1957	168	838	20	2628
Total Expenditures	11454	10729	8829	22635	3035	21684	23796	32926
Value of Church Property	30000	50000	75000	81000	10000	103000	175000	100000
Value of Parsonage				21000		28000	60000	10000

Faith

Opelika

Luverne

St. Mark

Bethel

Montgomery

Unity

St. James

St. Luke

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 bond 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.